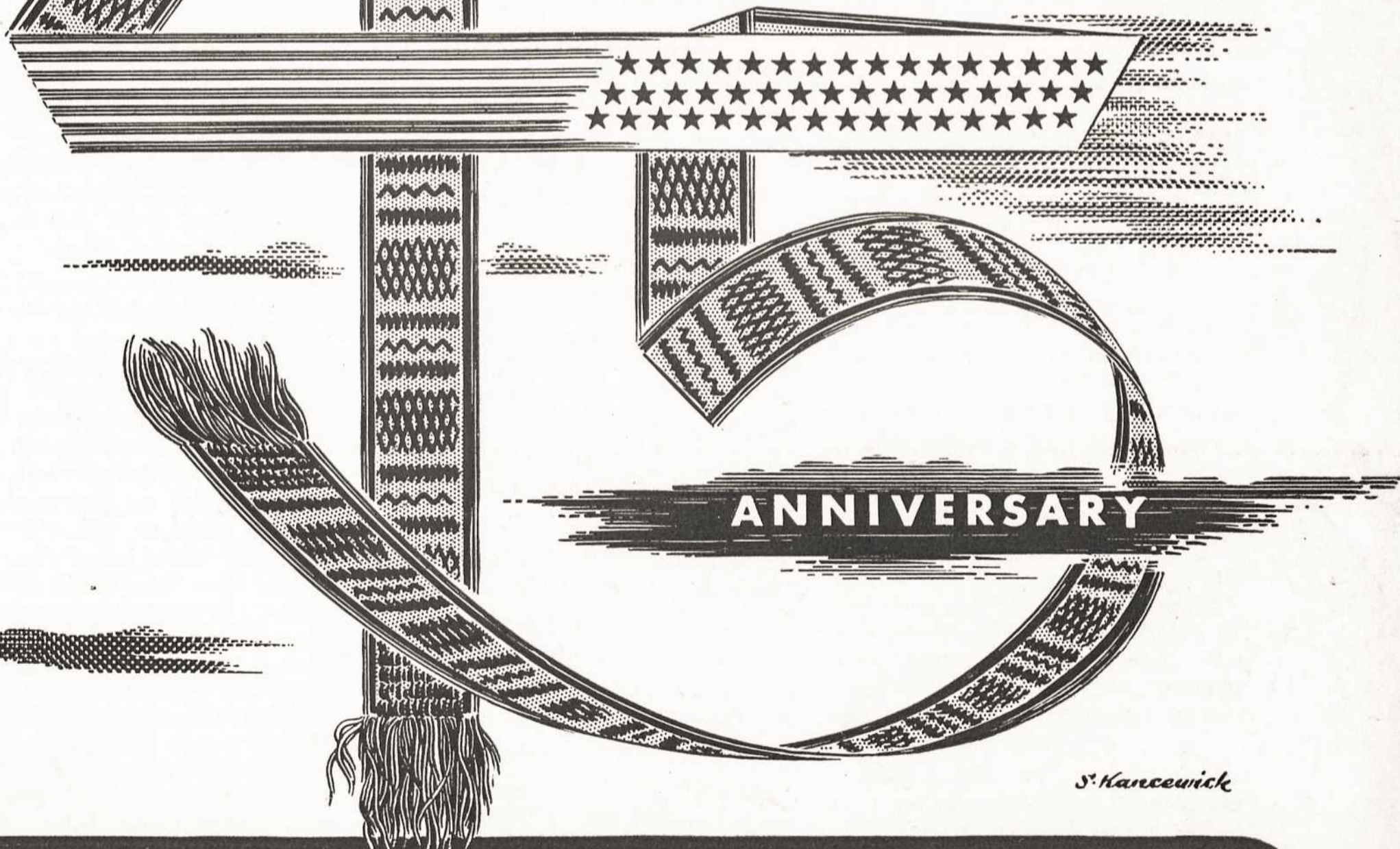
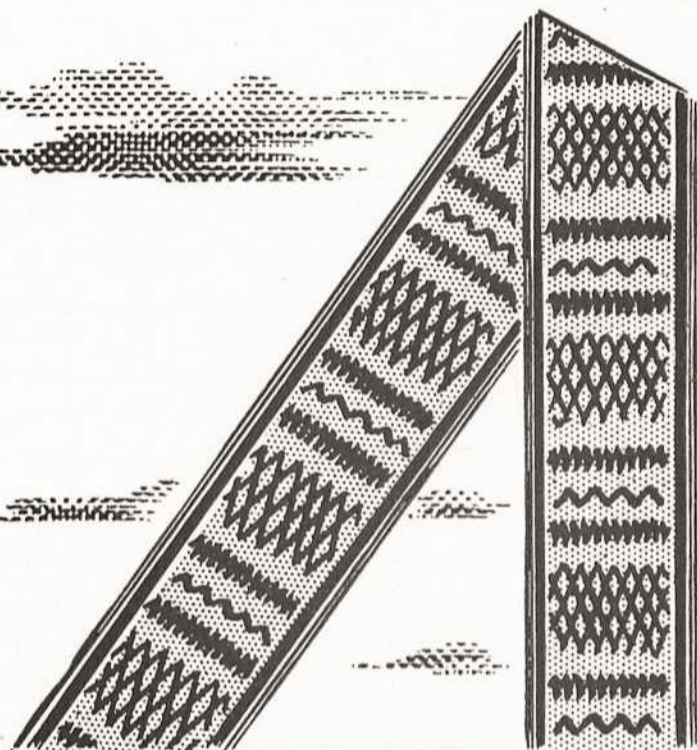


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Go ever onward faithful KNIGHT,
Let nothing swerve you from the right!
May God lead and light the way,
And ever steer you, lest you stray.
Be loyal and devoted too,
To your U.S.A. be ever true.
And, have within your heart a place,
A special spot, none can erase,
For much LOVED, much HURT,
LITHUANIA!



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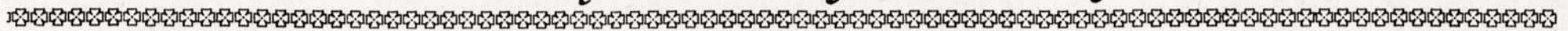
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THE RESURRECTION - FACT OR FICTION?

By Father John Zuromskis



Priests have many interesting experiences that would make fascinating reading if ever published. I recall visiting a man in a hospital some years ago who was visibly disturbed because he would have to miss his first Easter Sunday Mass in fifteen years. Oddly enough he did not have the same lament for the other Sundays of the year. His faith was a faith reserved for the Risen Christ only.

I once listened to a man who called himself an unbeliever who made fun of the idea that the Son of God should have become man and then be put to death by his country men. "That," he said, "does not fit into my ideas of what should happen at all."

This man's expression of his ideas is a solid example of why we have so many religiously ignorant and bigoted people. All they emphasize in their reasoning about God and religious themes is "my opinion,"—"what I think,"—"how I would do it." The assumption is that their own reasoning is the reasoning of a God — that there could be no more wisdom that they do not already possess.

For this reason we find that all saintly and learned men have ever insisted that the most important of virtues required by man is humility. The humble man is openminded to

Velykos — krykščia upeliukas!

Velykos — šypsos baltos gėlės!

Velykos — supasi vėjėly,

Mažutis žalias pumpurėlis!

the revelations of God. He recognizes that he is a simple creature with very limited knowledge and he knows that the source of all truth he will ever learn is the Creator, Whose knowledge and wisdom are without end.

Another error exhibited by these unbelievers who scoff at certain religious doctrines is that of cutting off the truth which they disbelieve from the whole body of religious doctrine and making it appear meaningless as would a brick apart from the building to which it belongs. To take a single Christian truth, such as Christ's death on the cross at the hands of evil men, out of the context of the whole of Christian revelation, is obviously to make it appear ridiculous or unbelievable.

To relate the crucifixion to the whole history of the human race, and to the love of God for all His human creatures, and to the significance of sin, and to the importance of heaven and hell for everyone, and to the problem of evil, is to make it appeal irresistibly to the heart and mind of every thinking person.

Students of religious history will readily agree that no religious fact has been more severely assailed and violently attacked than that of the resurrection of Christ from the grave. Men who have been obsessed with the rather bizarre passion for disproving the truth of Christianity have spent an endless period of time scanning the works of other disbelievers, trying hard to find some fact that would lead to inconsis-

encies in the Bible stories of the resurrection.

These are the men who have taken literally the words of one of the greatest of all the believers in Christ and His resurrection who ever lived, St. Paul. It was he who said: "If Christ be not risen, then is our faith vain." Once that a man has elected to make light of Christian doctrine, he must attack the resurrection of Christ. If he could only produce one solid doubt about that he could make the whole of Christianity appear unworthy of belief.

We do know this. No reasonable doubt has ever brought to light against the doctrine of the resurrection. Not since the chief priests who did away with Christ on the cross tried to spread the rumor that the soldiers guarding the tomb fell asleep and that Christ's devoted followers made off with the body, down to the latest attack made by free thinkers, has a real dent been made in the colossal and detailed evidence for this fact.

All open-minded men, therefore, will not only recognize the fact of the resurrection, but also they will be assured that it is the final and definitive answer to the question so many ask themselves: "Has anyone ever come back from the grave to assure us of what lies beyond it?" The answer is, Yes. Christ came back and gave us the assurance that heaven, hell, and immortality, can never be doubted.

That is why the joy of Easter has no rival among all the feasts of the church year.

VELYKINIS TRIUMFAS

ALFA SUŠINSKAS

Kai romėnų kariai grįždavo iš karo į Romą laimėję kietą kovą, Romos gyventojai sutikdavo juos džiūgaujamomis iškilmėmis, ir tada būdavo švenčiamos triumfo dienos — tada būdavo pergalės šventė.

Gal nė netiktų lyginti Viešpaties Jėzaus Kristaus prisikėlimo iš numirusiųjų su betkuriuo žemiškuoju laimėjimu ar triumfu. Tačiau savo esme Išganytojo prisikėlimas vis dėlto yra dieviškasis Jo visos kančios triumfas.

Viešpats Jėzus atpirko žmoniją savo kančia ir mirtimi, o ne prisikėlimu iš numirusiųjų. Betgi, jei nebūtų buvę Jo prisikėlimo, visa didžioji atpirkimo drama būtų likusi lyg be išorinio savo pergalės vainiko, be akivaizdžiausio atpirkiminės kančios triumfo. Apie visą atpirkimo darbą kalbant žmonių kalba, yra galima pasakyti, jog Viešpaties Jėzaus prisikėlimas iš numirusiųjų yra dieviškosios kančios dieviškasis triumfas, neturis su savimi lygaus kito triumfo žmonijos istorijoje. Juk visas atpirkimo darbas buvo dieviškas, tad labai tiko, kad ir to darbo pabaiga taip pat būtų dieviška...

Po Išganytojo prisikėlimo žmogus gali pilnai suprasti, kad jo Atpirkėjas tikrai yra kančios ir mirties Valdovas, kad iki paskutinio lašo išgertoji kančios taurė ir kruvinoji mirties stichija nesunaikino Išganytojo ir kad Jis yra naujojo gyvenimo Suteikėjas.

Atpirkėjo prisikėlimas iš numirusiųjų yra didysis įrodymas žmogui, kad mirtis tėra vartai, pro kuriuos įeinama į amžinąjį, šviesųjį tobulybės gyvenimą.

Išganytojo prisikėlimas įprasmino kančią ir mirtį ir jas pašventino savo dieviškuoju krauju: nuo pirmojo Velykų ryto kančia ir mirtis baigiasi triumfu tiems, kurie su Išganytoju kenčia ir miršta.

Be grynai religinės prasmės, Išganytojo prisikėlimas taip pat turi ir savo socialinę bei pedagoginę reikšmę.

Atpirkėjo prisikėlimas yra sėkmingas žmogaus auklėtojas ir Jo kryžius — šventas ikvėpėjas garbingoje gyvenimo kovoje. Niekas iš žmonių neišvengia kančios — nie-



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Subatai praėjus, Marija Magdalena, Marija Jokūbo motina ir Salomė nusipirko kvėpalų eiti Jėzaus patepti. Labai anksti, pirmą savaitės dieną, jos atėjo pas kapą, saulei jau užtekėjus. Jos kalbėjosi tarp savęs: Kas mums atris akmenį nuo kapo angos? Bet pažvelgusios pamatė akmenį atristą; o buvo jis labai didelis. Įėjusios į kapą, jos pamatė jaunikaitį, sėdinti dešinėje pusėje, apvilktą baltu drabužiu, ir nusigando. Jis joms tarė: Nenusigaskite, jūs ieškote Jėzaus Nazarėno, kuris buvo prikaltas ant kryžiaus; jis prisikėlė, jo nėra čia; štai vieta, kur jį buvo padėję. Bet eikite, pasakykite jo mokytiniams ir Petru, kad jis eina pirma jūsų į Galilėją; tenai jį matysite, kaip jis yra jums sakęs.

Morkaus 16, 1-7.

kas iš jų negali nuo jos pabėgti. Ji gali būti žmogui išganymas arba prakeikimas. Kurie gyvenimo kančios našta neša su Kristumi, tiems ji yra išganyto ir švento prisikėlimo laidas; gi kurie savo kančios kryžių neša vieni, be Kristaus, tiems ji nebus saldi bei išganinga, ir jie nesulauks savosios kančios triumfo: tokiems kančia liks kankynė be palaimintųjų kentėjimo vaisių.

Kai Velykų rytą krikščionis išgirsta varpu gaudesį ir kai velykinė Evangelija jam paskelbia Išganytojo kančios triumfą, jis pajunta savyje nebežemišką gyvybę. Prieš jo akis atsiveria nauja gyvenimo prasmė. Jo ateitis nušvinta. Jis pasijunta nebesas vien atomų junginys. Jo nukeliamas gyvenimo ke-

lias jam dabar atrodo visai kitokioje šviesoje.

Lietuviams velykinis triumfas turi dar ir savitą, lietuvišką prasmę.

Lietuva tebėra didžiųjų vergijos kančių kelyje. Jos bažnyčių varpai yra nelaisvės ir skausmo sukaustyti, prievartos nutildyti. Tačiau ir priverstu tylėjimu jie skelbia dieviškąjį triumfą... Ir juo tylesni yra velykiniai Lietuvos varpai, juo garsiau jie gaudžia savo viltingąjį skausmą Viešpačiui ir pasauliui...

Didžioji Lietuvos kančios Golgota pasibaigs didžiuoju tautiniu triumfu, nes Lietuvos ir pavergtųjų lietuvių kančia yra kenčiama dėl Viešpaties ir su Viešpačiu, dieviškuoju tautų Išganytoju.

Aleliuja!

PROCLAMATION issued by Governor Foster Furcolo, designating Sunday, February 16, 1958, as "Republic of Lithuania Day" in Massachusetts. Left to right, Juozas Arlauskas, treas., of board American Lithuanian Council; Attorney J. J. Grigalus (member); Jackus Sonda (sec'y.); William V. Gorsky, Governor's asst. Press secretary and Council 17, K. of L. member; and Edmundas Cibas (vice pres.). Not pictured, Kazys Mockus (pres.).



40th Anniversary of the Declaration of Lithuania's Independence Day — February 16th

PEACE AND AN AMERICAN TRADITION

"In the United States, the people and their government desire peace... The past forty years provide an opportunity to judge the comparative peace records of our two systems. We gladly submit our national record to the impartial judgment of mankind" — so stated our President Eisenhower on January 12th.

The span of 40 years which the President mentioned would take us back to 1918 — to the end of the First World War. The United States had entered that war late and reluctantly, without any desire for political or territorial gain. "The war to end war" was a popular slogan in those days. It was a slogan which — however it may have overlooked the complex realities of the international situation — reflected the beginnings of a modern American tradition.

This year marks the fortieth anniversary of the Declarations of national independence of the peoples of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Although in 1920 the Soviet Union recognized their independence, renouncing forever all sovereign rights in the Baltic States, in 1940 the Soviet Government forcibly incorporated Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia into the Soviet Union. This action was quickly denounced by our State Department, Washington, D. C. The United States remains convinced that relations

between all nations must be governed by the principle of equality and guided by justice and law. It believes that the Baltic peoples have a firm right to choose their own political, economic and cultural systems. Determination, industry, and love of freedom characterize the peoples of these Baltic States. These qualities have enabled their kinsmen here to make a valuable contribution to the development of the United States. (Many nationality groups in our country represent 35 million foreign-born and first generation Americans.) Our government is confident that the same qualities will carry the peoples of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia successfully through the present tragic days and enable them to regain the rights of which they have been unjustly deprived. (Statement made by Secretary of State John F. Dulles, on the 40th anniversary of Lithuania's Independence.)

A number of the Governors and Mayors of the United States proclaimed February 16th, 1958 as "Republic of Lithuania Day", including those districts where there are Knights of Lithuania councils namely: California, Illinois - Indiana, Mid-Central, New York - New Jersey, New England.

On February 13th, invocations were given by His Excellency, Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, formerly of Kaunas, Lithuania and Rev. Fr. John Jutt of Worcester, Mass. (honorary member of K. of L.) at the Senate and House Sessions, Washington, D. C. Throughout the United States and free world, solemn exercises were held commemorating the 40th anniversary of Lithuania's Independence on February 16th.



VISAGALINTIS JAUNIMAS

† VYSK. V. BRIZGYS

Jeį pasišventė jaunystė, kas pasauly gal išdrįsti jos mėginti jėgu...

Kai jauni būdami deklamavome šiuos žodžius, jautėmės, jeigu ne tikrais padangėna iškilusiais arais, tai bent ne smulkiomis krūmų paukščiukais. Bet šiame ugningame išsireiškime nepražiūrėkime vieno žodžio. Šio sakinio autorius labai gerai žinojo, ką reiškia pasišvesti, užsidegti, pasiryžti, užsispirti. Iš jų visų jis pasirinko žodį: **pasišvesti**. Nemanau, kad būtų reikalo aiškinti lietuviams žodžių skirtingą prasmę. Tiesa, kad pasišventimas pareikalauja ir pasiryžimo, kartais net užsispyrimo. Tačiau pasišventimas reiškia daugiau už anuos visus žodžius kartu. Nedegė nei Romuvos ugnis, nedega jokia amžina ugnis be kieno nors pasišventimo. Visoks užsidegimas, net ir pasiryžimai be pasišventimo nevirsta gyvenimu, lieka tik žodžiuose. Neverta nei aiškinti užsispyrimo. Ožio ir asilo užsispyrimas visur yra virtęs žmogaus negiriančiu palyginimu.

Pasaulyje nėra jėgos, kuri pajėgtų pasipriešinti ir sulaukyti jaunimo masės galybę, jeigu ta masė pasiryžta ko nors siekti, pasiryžusi parodyti tiek pasišventimo, kiek pareikalaus tikslas. Pasišventimas reiškia planingą savęs atsižadėjimą tiek, kiek pareikalaus koks nors

PRAYER FOR LITHUANIA

40th ANNIVERSARY OF LITHUANIA'S INDEPENDENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. The Senate met at 12 o'clock meridian, on the expiration of the recess. Bishop V. J. Brizgys, auxiliary of Kaunas, Chicago, Ill., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, the common father of all people, we praise Thee and give thanks for the dignity bestowed on men created in Thy likeness and who call themselves Thy children and each other's brothers.

We pray for all those who, understanding this dignity, were and are harbingers of culture, peace, mutual love, and respect among people and nations. Today we wish to pay tribute to all those who, having understood the dignity of man, were and are pioneers of freedom for people and nations.

Today, too, we remember a nation whose name has been mentioned among European nations from days beyond recall, and which time and again has served Europe's Christianity and civilization by crushing dangerous forces that threatened to destroy it. We remember Lithuania, which in her long history has tasted of glory and misfortune, and which today has lost her freedom. She hopes and strives to regain this freedom. In her sufferings, she has not been left alone. A whole world of good will sympathizes with Lithuania and other unfortunate nations. Lithuania thanks Thee, O Lord, especially for the friendship of the United States of America, whose motto is In God We Trust, whose way of life is freedom, and who, being the most progressive and dynamic nation, is at the same time a pioneer of true peace and freedom for other nations. Almighty God, we beseech Thee to bless and protect this Nation, that it might be a servant of Thy divine providence in establishing in the world an order worthy of the dignity which Thou hast bestowed on man.

We pray to Thee for the Lithuanian nation, which for centuries has held dear and has protected Thy greatest gift — freedom; and which today, bowed under the yoke of bondage, cries to Thee and to all people of good will for help. She wishes to live and work in a family of free nations for her own and mankind's welfare.

O Lord, bless America, bless Lithuania, and bless all other nations who trust in Thee and strive to create life in Thy name. Amen. (Bishop Brizgy's prayer appears in the Congressional Record, February 13, 1958, p. 1741.)

tikslas. Pasišventimas ir netaalentingus jaunos žmones yra išvedęs į šviesu gyvenimą. Vidutiniuose jis išugdė talentus. Talentingus jis iškėlė į genijus. Jaunimo pasišventimas yra sukūręs istorinių darbų ir žygių. Pasišventimas turi ne tik tikslą, bet ir apgalvotus kelius ir metodus, vedančius iki neriboto pasiaukojimo. Tokia pasišventusi jaunystė yra visagalė.

Tačiau nėra visagalė tik užsidegusi, tik pasiryžusi, tik užsispyrusi jaunystė. Tik pasiryžusią ir užsidegusią jaunimo minią galima palyginti gaisrui kalnų miškuose, ar

uraganui. Nuo bibliinių laikų lig Napoleono ir mūsų dienų, kas mokėjo jaunystę tik uždegti, sukelti jos pasiryžimą, tie perėjo šalis ir tautas, kaip gaisras ir uraganai ir jų pasėkų liko tik panašių, kaip iš gamtos stichijų. Žmonija bijo tik ryžtingos ir mokančios užsidegti jaunystės. Dar labiau bijo užsispyrusios jaunystės. Nors tokia jaunystė yra galinga, bet ji yra žalinga. Pačiam jaunimui ir žmonijai reikia pasišventusios jaunystės. Pasišventimas ūmai neateina. Jis yra pasėka pakankamai gerai pažintų idealų turinio, jų grožio ir gėrio.



REV. JOHN C. JUTT, honorary member of the Knights of Lithuania, offered prayer in the House of Representatives in Washington for the February sixteenth occasion in the name of the Knights of Lithuania. **CONGRESSMAN DANIEL J. FLOOD** (left) of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., delivered the main talk on Lithuania, February 13th, and **CONGRESSMAN JOHN W. McCORMACK** (right), Majority Leader of the House (Mass.) gave a very oratorical speech on Lithuania. (Fr. Jutt's prayer appears in the Congressional Record, February 13, 1958, p. 1805.)

SUMMARY OF CONGRESSMAN FLOOD'S TALK:

1. History of Lithuania — old and wonderful;
2. Meaning of February sixteenth to the world;
3. Lithuania's accomplishment during the time she enjoyed freedom;
4. Present sad plight of Lithuania;
5. Expressed hope that Lithuania will be free; and
6. In Lithuanian, he said: "Kas bus, kas nebus, Lietuva nepražus."

SUMMARY OF CONGRESSMAN McCORMACK'S TALK:

1. Lithuania — a nation that has suffered;
2. Her people have always desired freedom — this desire will make them free because this desire is from God and no man can destroy what comes from God;
3. The United States should have a policy which it could follow in case that which happened in Hungary should happen in Lithuania. The United States failed in Hungary, it should not fail in Lithuania.

PRAYER OFFERED BY REVEREND JOHN C. JUTT,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.
February 13, 1958

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O Almighty and Eternal God, Ever present before us, we adore Thee, our Creator and Sovereign Master and we give Thee thanks for the innumerable blessings of freedom which Thou hast given us.

O Heavenly Father, Source of all authority, we humbly beg Thee to look down with paternal solicitude upon these Thy servants, the members of this august body, the House of Representatives of the

United States. Grant them, in whom Thou hast placed Thy authority, the wisdom by which, fortified in their deliberations by the inspirations of Thy Holy Spirit, they may be the constructive influences for the preservation of peace among those whom they represent and for the attainment of peace by those who unjustly are being denied it.

O Eternal Father, Source of all freedom, regard with benign favor the sufferings and the hardships of the people of Lithuania. Please hear our prayer that precious freedom, to which all nations have an inalienable right and which comes to nations living in harmony and friendship, may soon come once again to her. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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Mergaičių Pasaulis

Velykų Belaukiant

V. Kulbokienė

Moteris savo jautria širdimi ir kruopščia ranka šventėse įneša šeimos židinin šilumos ir jaukumo. Dažniausia tik moterų pastangų dėka pajuntamas šeimoje skirtumas tarp didžiųjų švenčių ir eilinių, arba eilinių ir darbo dienų.

Moterys, artėjant didesnėms šventėms, pagrindinai sutvarkydamos savo butus, papuošdamos juos, paruošdamos specialių, šventėms pritaikytų valgių, atitinkamai juos padekoruoja, suteikia šventėms būdingą jų atspalvį.

Velykų simboliškai laikoma avinėlis ir margučiai. Dar naudojama avių želmenys, baltosios lelijos, hiacintai, tulpės. Šiais dalykais kiekviena moteris šeiminiškai stengiasi papuošti Velykose savo butą — Velykų stalą. Vienos moterys perka standartiškai pagamintus dalykus bei daržininkų užaugintas gėles, kitos gi laiko garbe pačios visa pasigaminti, pagal savąjį skonį ir savosios tautos bruožus.

Velykų avinėlių galima pasigaminti lengvai namuose iš tešlos, cukraus ir šokolado, turint tam tikslui atitinkamą formą, kurioje kepama pagal skonį padaryta tešla. Iškeptą ir ataušytą avinėlių aptepti cukraus liukru arba šokolado liediniu. Neturint formos avinėlio pavidalą galima gauti išpiaustant iš ankščiau iškeptą ir ataušusio pyrago, vienur jį nupiaunant, kitur pridėdant klijuoti cukraus liukru arba tirpyto šokolado mase. Atbaigimui ta pat mase aptepti ir avinėlio paviršiu.

Velykiniai kiaušiniai marginami įvairiais būdais. Dažant juos lygia spalva nėra sunkumu, tačiau ir marginimas, žinant kaip, nėra sunkus. Raštais išrašyti margučius galima dviem būdais: ant ankščiau išvirtų ir ataušytų kiaušinių išrašyti

ištirpintu vašku arba žvakės parafina norimus raštus ir dėti i šiltus dažus. Vašku pridengtos vietos lieka nenudažytos ir tuo būdu gaunasi šviesūs raštai.

Antras yra raižymo būdas. Išvirtus ir lygia spalva nudažytus kiaušinius raižyti peilio ar smeigtuko smailgaliu projektuojamus raštus. Raštus lietuvės ima iš juostų, audinių, rūtų bei eglutės šakelių. Visa tai kombinuodamos pagal savąjį skonį, jos gauna originaliai puošnius margučius.

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Danutė Petronytė-Izbickienė

Verbų Meditacijos

Hosanna, Hosanna — šaukia minia, kloja savo rūbus dulkinam kely ir mosuoja palmių šakomis tarsi sveikindami nugalėtoją.

Ant jaunos asilaitės pamažu atjoja vyras baltame rūbe. Ramus ir liūdnas Jo veidas. Jis žino, toji pati minia už kelių dienu, šauks: "Nukryžiuok Jį!" ir ant dulkėtų akmenų lašės atpirkimo kraujas.

Redaguoja Veronika Kulbokienė

Dabar gi minia siunta, minia krykščia, minia garbina stebukladari ir karaliu, ji nori duonos ir žaidimų, stebuklų ir cirko triukų.

Jam po kojų svyra palmių šakos, o Jo akys paklysta tolumoje. Ten saulėtoje žydrynėje ryškėja pilkas kalno šešėlis. Golgota. Tai minios kerštas.

Jis neatnešė nugalėtojo laurų nei karaliaus vainiko. Ką Jis atnešė, tas liūdnojo veido vyras? Tokia nuostabi ta Jo dovana, tokia nesuprantama. Jis atidavė — save.

Dulkėtu keliu prajoja meilė. O minia? Minia akla. Golgotoje ant kryžiaus įvyksta meilės triumfas, gi Jeruzalės moterys teverkia kenčiančio žmogaus. Ak, verkite apakusios minios, kuri per šimtmečius paklysta patys savo dulkėse.

Nukryžiuota meilė tampa pasaulio gyvybė, nuostabusis siūlas tarp Dievo ir žmogaus.

Aleliuja, Aleliuja, — skamba prišikėlimo varpai skelbdami atpirkimo žinią. Aleliuja — mes Amžinosios Gyvybės vaikai.

Nes, senai, senai tolimoj Jeruzalėj, dulkinu keliu prajojo meilė.

The Easter Table

Milda Martinkutė

For Lithuanians Easter was and still is one of the most important holidays of the whole year. As such, it had many traditions connected with it. An interesting one is the Easter table. This day was considered so holy that no unnecessary chores were undertaken. Therefore, all the food was prepared during the days immediately preceding Easter and arranged on the table so that there would be no need to cook on Easter day. The children used to go to the woods to gather greens with which to decorate the

HISTORY OF ANNA MITCHELL'S LONG and ACTIVE K. of L. CAREER



A very consistent, conscientious and untiring worker for the K. of L. and the Lithuanian American community is our well known K. of L. personality, Anna Mitchell, of Council 52, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

In 1957 the New York-New Jersey district petitioned the Honorary Membership Committee to take steps to elevate Anna Mitchell to the Honorary Membership Class of the K. of L. organization.

The Supreme Committee on Honorary Membership will submit the name of Anna Mitchell to the National Convention at Philadelphia for final approval and elevation to the Honorary Membership Class.

Therefore, to better acquaint the membership with her, we submit this abbreviated list of the many activities of Anna Mitchell during the past twenty years with our organization.

4th K. of L. Ritual degree member since September, 1949;

Correspondent for the "Vytis" and the "Elizabeth Daily Journal," representing C-52; 10 years;
Wrote K. of L. history of C-52;
Vice-president of C-52; 1944 - 1945, 1946 - 1947, 1948 - 1949;

Chairman of Party for Supreme Council, 1945;
Served on Welfare Committee, 1947;

Served on committee to honor outstanding graduates of our parish school in Lithuanian and Religion, when reorganized in 1937 and is still doing it, 20 years;

Served on Lithuanian Affairs Committee; 1947 - 1950, 1951 - 1952;

Delegate to New York - New Jersey District Convention for many, many years;

Delegate to the K. of L. National Conventions for the past 11 years;

Publicity Chairman for C-52, 10 years;

Worked on all dance and minstrel committees; (dance, 20 years; minstrel, 8 years);

Chairman of St. Casimir's Feast Day Communion Breakfast, at least 15 years;

Served on committee from C-52 to help raise money for district flag;

National Convention Secretary and Banquet Chairman, 1949;

Participated in K. of L. Bowling League, 20 years;

Delegate from C-52 to the Lithuanian Catholic Congress in New York, 1949;

National Vice-president, 1950;

Chairman of Lithuanianism Drive and Contest, 1952-1953;

Co-chairman of Lithuanianism Drive and Contest, 1954;

Recording Secretary of C-52; 1952-1953, 1953-1954;

Financial Secretary of C-52; 1955-1956, 1956-1957;

Chairman of Rituals, 1955;

Member of New York-New Jersey District Lithuanian Affairs; 1955-1956, 1956-1957;

Member of C-52 Lithuanian Affairs, past 5 years;

Delegate representing C-52 for Lithuanian Freedom;

Worked at district picnics and Lithuanian Independence Celebration, 1956.

table. It was then laden with the colored Easter eggs, cold sliced ham, stuffed veal, duck or goose, horseradish, cheese, vegetable salad, sweet breads, rolls, cookies, and cakes. The family ate its meals at this table, and all visitors who came to wish them Easter joy were invited to share the food.

Of course it may not be practical for all Lithuanians to have an Easter table on as grand a scale as this now, but might we not set up a miniature Easter table with some snacks, cakes, and sweets? Here are a few ideas for a starter:

Mushroom Baskets

Wash 10 large fresh mushrooms and remove the stems carefully,

leaving the caps whole. Saute the caps in enough butter or oil to cover the bottom of the skillet for 5 to 10 minutes, just until tender. Chop the stems; add 1 tablespoon minced onion, 1 teaspoon minced parsley, salt and pepper to taste. Saute slowly in enough butter or oil to cover the bottom of the skillet. Remove from heat; cool. Add a few drops lemon juice and about 1 tablespoon soured cream. Fill the mushroom caps with this filling. Garnish with "basket handles" made out of thin strips of lemon peel inserted into the caps.

Easter Cake Decoration

Tint shredded coconut green by shaking in a bag or jar together

with 1 teaspoon water, to which a few drops of green food coloring have been added. Spread the coconut out to dry. Meanwhile, decorate a white frosted cake with a simple garden scene. Cut colored jelly candy into tulip shapes (red, yellow, orange), using the green jelly to form strips for stems and leaves. Arrange on top of cake so they seem to be growing from a bed of earth, which may be made from chocolate cookie or cake crumbs. Arrange green coconut around base of cake on the cake dish. Tuck jelly bean "eggs" into this coconut "grass". A few purchased marshmallow bunnies or chicks nestled in the "grass" will add a finishing touch.

LITHUANIAN HISTORY

TRAIDENIS – CHAMPION OF BALTLAND

*Albin S. Adomaitis,
Baltimore, Md.*



During the rule of Traidenis, Lithuania developed into a powerful military force. It is unknown whether this prince had been related to King Mindaugas or his relatives. However he governed all of Lithuania from the duchy of Kernavė and followed the philosophy of Treniota rather than that of Mindaugas.

The prime interest was the vigorous defense of the native homeland and the protection of the remnants of the Balts fleeing from Prussia and Sudavia. There was little interest in imperial expansion. Grand Prince Traidenis ruled all of the territory inhabited by the Lithuanians and did not see any need for allies among the neighboring German and Slavic powers. His rule was readily acknowledged by the Samogitians and Sudavians. He had an intense dislike for the Poles upon whom the responsibility was placed for bringing the Teutonic Knights into the Baltic area. The legions of Lithuania ranged far and wide and reached as far as Cracow in their forays. Prince Boleslaw II of Masovia took the hand of his daughter, Sofia Goudemunda in marriage and thus insured the preservation of peace in his lands.

The Lithuanian armies successfully met the German Teuto-

nic Knights in open battles, usually were victorious in forests or swampland, but they could rarely take or destroy the enemies' stone fortresses. This military art was developed with moderate success later during the era of imperial Lithuania under Vytautas the Great. The entire focus of the wars during this time was on the western frontier of Lithuania. Most of the eastern Slavic principalities were either enslaved by the Tartars or enjoyed peace and autonomy under capable Lithuanian administrators.

This period of history was very tragic for the Aistian — Baltic peoples. While Lithuania was developing into a strong unified nation under the supreme rule of one grand prince or king, the kinsmen of the Lithuanians were being ruthlessly conquered or exterminated by the Germans. The Old Prussians ceased to exist as an independent people in 1274 with the calamitous end of the Great Prussian Insurrection. Thousands of men, women and children were savagely put to the sword by the Teutonic Knights. The death knell sounded for the valiant Old Prussian nation. Lithuanians fought desperately side by side with the Prussians to stem the advancing German juggernaut. Vast areas

of Prussia were left without a single inhabitant. Desolation and misery stalked this ancient Baltic land. Anguish gnawed the soul of the Prussian nation. Many Old Prussians seeing the end approaching, burned their own castles and villages and fled east to Lithuania in order to save their lives and what remained of their possessions.

Grand Prince Traidenis welcomed them cordially and granted the refugees lands and new homes in the southern and central portions of his realm. Lithuanian - Americans do not realize that within quite a few of them flowed the blood of the ancient Prussians. How many realize that perchance a venerable ancestor escaped to Lithuania during the thirteenth century? How many recognize the spruce evergreen tree (Spruce fr. Pruce = Prussia — because first known as a native plant in Prussia) as a symbol of the once free and now extinct people of Bartonia, Galindia, Nadrovia, Natangia, Pomesania, Sambia, Skalovia and Varmia in the territory of Old Prussia?

The pall of doom also enveloped the free land of Sudavia. The latter was inhabited by a mysterious dark - haired people related to the Old Prussians and Lithua-



Photo by P. Jasiukonis

A group of Los Angeles K. of L-ers and other Lithuanian-American functionaries with Senator and Mrs. William F. Knowland and Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Shattuck (Mr. Shattuck is Republican National Committeeman) during a dinner on February 23, 1957, at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles. Left to right (first row): Miss Rita Medziukas (K. of L'er); Mrs. A. F. Skirius (K. of L'er); The Honorable WILLIAM F. KNOWLAND, United States Senator; MRS. HELEN KNOWLAND; our National Vice President Leonard Valiukas; EDWARD S. SHATTUCK and MRS. E. S. SHATTUCK. Second row — George Rudelis; Anthony F. Skirius, National Chairman of the Senior Committee; Milton Stark (K. of L'er), English Editor of LITHUANIAN DAYS magazine; Charles Luksis, Mrs. Lucille Zaikis (K. of L'er), Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Kazlauskas (both K. of L'ers), Mikas Untulis and K. Liaudanskas.

nians. In the middle of the thirteenth century, Poland, the Teutonic Knights, and the Slavic principality of Volhynia entered into an agreement to conquer and destroy Sudavia — the southern part of Baltland. About 29 years were spent by the aggressors in continual warfare in order to annihilate the Sudavians. The latter, with the aid of volunteers from Lithuania, fought gallantly for the freedom of their homeland. Even the invasions of Poland by Grand Prince Traidenis did not seem to prevent the ultimate extinction of the Sudavians. The land, being perpetually ripped by German and Polish fire and sword, eventually was reduced to an uninhabited wasteland. Only the melancholy wind moaned throughout the forests that protected the graves of thousands of native defenders.

In Latvia, the Zemgal Uprising

also was crushed by the German Order of Livonia Knights. Many Latvians left their country and found security in the realm of Lithuania where they bravely contributed their strength to the preservation of the independent state formed by their kinsmen.

It is ironic that just at the threshold of Lithuanian power, the Germans and Poles had succeeded in entombing three sister peoples: Latvia was submerged under German oppression for hundreds of years only to rise again in 1918 as an independent republic; while the Old Prussia and ancient Sudavia did not succeed in throwing off the ignominious yoke of their conquering neighbors. Both peoples died as free nations and a macabre silence permeated the ruins of burned villages and homesteads.

Thus at the end of the thirteenth century, only Lithuania

remained independent and stood unbowed alone facing the hordes of misguided Western knights pouring into the German armies. To the north lay the threatening Order of the Cross in Livonia while to the west the Teutonic Order of the Sword in Prussia was preparing for an all out effort of further conquest. Both German powers planned to bury independent Lithuania alongside Prussia and Sudavia in the tomb of extinct nations.

Observance of 40th Anniversary of Declaration of Independence in Lithuania, Sunday, February 16, 1958 — Statement by Petras Dauzvardis, Consul of Lithuania, at Chicago, appeared in the Congressional Record, February 18th, p. A1422. (Hon. Emmet F. Byrne of Illinois received permission to insert Consul Dauzvardis' address in the Congressional Record - Appendix.)

WHAT WAS IN STORE FOR THOSE WHO ATTENDED

THE EASTERN REGIONAL COMMITTEES CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY THE NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

Hotel Robert Treat, Newark, N. J.
January 10-12, 1958

The Eastern Regional Committees Conference attracted many young leaders from the East coast, and made a splendid contribution to the Knights of Lithuania organization and helped to strength it in many ways. Participants had a chance to discuss with those - in - the - know and other K. of L'ers, the particular hurdles they're trying to surmount in the councils and districts. They found that no problem is completely unique, that somebody, somewhere else has had to cope with the same thing. Upon their return home, members were stuffed with wonderfully helpful suggestions that it will take some time to use up. To many, the conference left a most lasting impression. ALL-IN-ALL, it was an inspirational weekend — a fine conference.

SUMMARY OF THE PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Spiritual (Rev. A. J. Contons, moderator). Participants — Helen Shields, C-3; Val Bilaitis, C-90; Helen Zindzius, C-12; Mary Motecus, C-52; Gloria Mack, C-67; Rev. Peter Zemeikis, C-67; Rev. John Pakalnis-kis, C-41; Rev. Vladas Karalevicius, C-52; Dorothy Dutkus, C-61; Helen Yocis, C-110; Rita Pinkus, C-26.

1. Since the national convention, no Spiritual Program bulletins have been mailed to the councils. The participants expressed themselves favorably about last year's Spiritual Program and said that they looked forward to the continuance of the program in the future. Father Contons expressed the hope that it would be possible to resume the program in February of 1958.

2. Council representatives gave a brief summary of the Spiritual Program as carried out in their respective councils. In some councils the spiritual director gives the talk and encourages questions and discussion after the talk. In other councils the Spiritual Program Chairman reads the talk, which is followed by discussion under the direction of the spiritual director. Advantages were suggested for both methods.

3. It was agreed that councils should emphasize the observance of the feast of St. Casimir, and the feast of Christ the King, which inaugurates Catholic Youth Week in the U. S. Closed retreats for K. of L. members should be stressed this year as a prime feature of the Spiritual Program. This should be done on a council and even district level. The subjects for discussion during the monthly meetings will center around the theme of the Sacrifice of the Mass. The spiritual aspects of the national convention were also discussed. Suggestions

were offered to have the convention Masses start around noon, and to arrange a dialogue Mass for Friday and Saturday of the convention.

4. All councils are urged to send the names and addresses of the Spiritual Director and Spiritual Program chairman, if there have been any recent changes, to the Supreme Council Spiritual Director.

Juniors (Albin J. Janks, moderator). Participants — Aldona Jakubauskas, C-17; Algirdas Budreckis, C-52; Edward Daniels, C-26; Helen Shields, C-3; Jane Kelly, C-90; Florence Arisim, C-90; Barbara Kaminskas, C-90.

I. REGARDING THE NEED FOR MORE CORRESPONDENCE AND INTERESTING ARTICLES ON THE JUNIOR PAGE:

PROBLEMS: a.) Juniors were unaware of a Junior page and what to write about.

b.) No correspondent.

SOLUTIONS: a.) A bulletin from Supreme Council, through the Councils asking for articles.

b.) Sponsor a writing contest with prizes, emphasis NOT on money, but some emblem of recognition.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL SET UP:

PROBLEMS: a.) Lack of Leadership.

b.) In some cases lack of cooperation from Clergy.

c.) Competition with other youth organizations within the parish, such as C.Y.O.

d.) Poor liaison between Juniors and Seniors.

e.) Non-Lithuanian friends within the parish are told they cannot join, hence Lithuanians do not join.

f.) No inter — Council activity.

g.) Junior meetings are not run smoothly.

h.) A vote for Juniors? When they do not understand some of the issues.

i.) Summer camp for Juniors?

SOLUTIONS:

a.) A planned program guide for both Seniors and Juniors.

b.) The approach to Clergy — "Today's K. of L'ers, tomorrow's parishioners.

c.) Set up Sports activities.

d.) Invite Junior representatives to regular Senior meetings.

e.) Guest memberships for non-Lithuanians.

f.) Set up a Juniors District Executive Board, District conferences, provide inter-Council social and sports activity.

g.) Conduct Leadership Courses.

h.) Juniors should be extended one courtesy vote at Senior conventions per Council, and should be advised by Counsellor on matter being voted.. Should any issue prove confusing Juniors should abstain from voting.

i.) On summer camps; would require a conference in itself, many problems to iron out.

j.) Send in reports to the Supreme Council on activities of Junior Councils.

CONTENTS FOR A GUIDE BOOK

1. How to make Lithuanian Christmas decorations.
2. Programs for Lithuanian Holidays.
3. Programs for Religious Holidays.
4. Lithuanian songs, games and dances, also skits.
5. Skating parties, hikes, outings, weenie roasts.
6. Tours — Ice cream plants, Police Stations, Museums, T. V. Studios, Ice Shows, etc.
7. Legion of Decency listing for objectionable movies and literature.
8. Listing of Junior Councils.
9. List of duties and obligations of Junior officers.
10. List of things for Seniors to do in connection with their counselling the Juniors.
11. Social affairs where price of admission is both Mother and Father.

Lithuanian Affairs (Ann Miller, moderator).

1. At each monthly meeting, the Council Chairman should review latest bulletin for the purpose of stimulating more interest among the members, especially the newer ones, by giving them an overall picture of the fine work and lofty purpose of this committee.

2. A Committee member might write one letter for another but **non-committee** member to sign. The fact the letter with his signature would appear in print may be an incentive for the council member to become a member or a more active member of Lithuanian Affairs Committee.

3. Committee members may be allotted certain numbers as listed in the bulletins. They should then write letters corresponding to the numbers:

N.B. This may result in less number of letters written but it may get more members to write letters.

4. The Council should assume all the financial expenses of the Committee i. e. cost of paper and postage. The Council should be glad to take care of this for the active committee members. Councils are reported as being very lax in this matter.

N.B. One way of doing this is by supplying each Chairman at the beginning of the year with the necessary paper, envelopes and stamps.

Resolving the Problem of How K. of L. Can Prove Its Worthiness to the Professional Men (Rev. A. J. Contons, moderator). Participants — Albin Janks, C-29; Helen Shields, C-3; Joseph Yanulaitis, C-3; Algirdas Budreckis, C-52; Anthony Shalna, C-90; Dominic Budrecki, C-113; Winifred Skudris, C-17.

1. **IMPORTANCE OF PROBLEM.** The discussion of the panel stressed the need for a Lithuanian Catholic organization to unite and give strong representation to Lithuanians in America. At present no Lithuanian organization can serve this purpose, but the K. of L. is in the best position to grow and meet such a challenge. By making an exerted effort to attract professional people into our organization we shall add to the in-

fluence and strength of our organization and benefit the Lithuanian - American community.

2. OBSTACLES TO WINNING NEW MEMBERS FROM PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS ELEMENTS.

A. GENERAL:

1) Many Lithuanians are not aware of their honorable ancestry.

2) Petty jealousies, prejudices, and disunity among some Lithuanians.

3) Occasional lack of respect in dealing with others, and lack of self-respect evidenced by unsocial behavior.

B. SPECIFIC:

1) Question: What does the K. of L. have to offer the professional man? This question raises a challenge to K. of L. leadership to devise a program which will interest and attract professional men to the K. of L.

2) Misconception that the K. of L. is only for youth.

3) Intermarriage and drifting of Lithuanians from Lithuanian organizations.

3. SUGGESTIONS FOR A SOLUTION:

A. Readjust our bylaws to allow for membership of non-Lithuanians married to members.

B. Lithuanians, as individuals and as organizations, should help each other more.

C. K. of L. should take part more in community projects, which tend to dispose professional men favorably toward an organization.

D. Give more adequate publicity to the K. of L. and Lithuanians in general.

E. Send K. of L. representatives to other Lithuanian and non-Lithuanian affairs.

F. Utilize the particular talents of Lithuanian professional men for specific tasks.

G. Invite prominent Lithuanians to come to our programs and meetings, and give them proper community recognition for their interest and support of the K. of L.

H. Invite and interest key professional men to join the K. of L. and ask them to make contacts for the K. of L.

I. Invite outstanding Lithuanians, to membership on honorary committees, remembering always to give proper recognition to the members who actually do the hard work.

J. Develop a Senior K. of L. program which will be attractive enough to interest and hold members.

4. SUMMARY:

The problem under discussion presents a very real challenge to K. of L. leadership and membership: How can we build up the appeal of the K. of L. in such a way that our Lithuanian Catholic leaders and people will feel it a real benefit, and even necessity, to belong to the K. of L.? The competition among organizations in America for new members is so great that only organizations with an attractive, useful program, and skilful leadership can hope to hold its own and grow.

VYTIS Magazine (Phyllis Grendal, moderator). Participants — Eleanor Rokas, C-90; Joseph P. Si-

pas, C-26; Frank Vaskas, C-29; L. Rokas, C-90; Joe C. Sinkus, C-26; Ann Mitchell, C-25; Joseph Yanulaitis, C-3; Winifred Skudris, C-17; Larry Janonis, C-12; Rev. P. Zemeikis, C-67.

1. VYTIS is valuable to the Knights of Lithuania organization. It is the one avenue through which the whole membership can be reached. It is the lifeblood of the K. of L., and it is worth keeping.

2. VYTIS represents a wealth of effort and teamwork on the part of dedicated members and contributors. There are comparatively few youth organizations, even adult organizations for that matter fortunate enough to have their own magazine. Members have an unusual opportunity to express themselves, to influence others, to grow in word power, to develop the quality of leadership.

3. VYTIS rich with the maturity of years (being published monthly since October, 1915) seems to be the oldest and most active bi-lingual magazine among the Lithuanian - Americans.

4. VYTIS aims to better acquaint its readers with:

- a) Catholic Action;
- b) Lithuanian Language;
- c) Lithuanian Culture;
- d) Lithuanian Heritage;
- e) Lithuanian History and Customs;
- f) Lithuanian Affairs; and
- g) Sports.

HOW CAN WE IMPROVE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES SECTION IN VYTIS?

1) Send your write-ups as soon as possible after the affairs of the council or district — while the details are still fresh in your mind. In that way, you will be able to inject much more color in your writing; keep intelligible and understandable notes on all subjects you might want to write about.

2) Use items about unusual happenings. Something your council or district has done with success. Especially personal or council activity that brings out the purpose and ideals of our organization — TAUTAI IR BAŽNYČIAI. Also, if a certain type of social your council has been putting on has brought in new members, write it up. Other councils might like to try your ideas.

3) Send in snapshots of unusual activities — a communion breakfast, a Ritual degree installation, a chorus in rehearsal, special groups at conventions, conferences, concerts, plays, outings, sports events, etc. or anything that might be interesting or even inspiring. Such photos will add much greater appeal to your article or write-ups.

4) We ask for news from ALL councils and districts. Would like to publish little news items about EVERYBODY, and not a lot about a few.

5) Send in clippings about members from other newspapers. We want to know more about our members and their participation even outside of our organization.

6) No doubt there are members who like to write—you don't have to be a journalist. We encourage all members to send in articles on any particular subject matter (of course not too long — say not over 500 words).

7) Send all material to the editor — not later than by the 10th of the month.

1958 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

This year we are going to have a short and a very effective MEMBERSHIP DRIVE. I need everyone's cooperation, so that we may make this MEMBERSHIP DRIVE the most successful of all membership drives.

The 1958 Membership Drive for the Knights of Lithuania March 2, 1958 — April 27, 1958.

During the 45th K. of L. National Convention (to be held August 21—24, 1958, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), proper recognition will be given individual members and councils winning this drive.

The rules of the 1958 Membership Drive:

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 1. Only members brought into the council between the period of March 2, 1958 and April 27, 1958, upon payment of one year's dues, will count for points.
 2. All winners will be judged from the records of the Supreme Council Financial Secretary.
 3. Supreme Council officers will not be eligible for individual awards.
- II. The points will be counted as follows —
 1. Person joining the K. of L. for the first time — 5 points.
 2. Married couple (both new members) — 8 points.
 3. Former member rejoining the K. of L. — 4 points.
 4. Married couple being reinstated — 7 points.
 5. Organizing new council (regular, junior or senior) — 40 points.
 6. Reactivating former council — 40 points.
- III. Membership Drive awards —

The 1958 Membership Drive awards will be presented during the 45th National Convention in Philadelphia, Penna.:

 1. Person receiving most points during the membership drive; first, second and third winner.
 2. Council receiving most points during the membership drive; first, second and third winner.
 3. Council performing the most in the line of membership —
 - a. Getting new members;
 - b. Organizing junior council;
 - c. Organizing senior council;
 - d. Organizing councils in other localities.

LEONARD VALIUKAS, Chairman

VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ SKYRIUS

Redaguoja **IGNAS SAKALAS**

Mirga Marga iš Sendraugiu

Nauja sendraugiu kuopos vadovybė. Nominacijų komisijos paruoštas kandidatų naujon 1958 m. valdybos sąrašas susirinkimo buvo vienbalsiai patvirtintas. Sušaukę savo posėdį kandidatai pareigomis pasiskirstė sekančiai: pirmininkas Ignas Sakalas, vicepirmininkai V. Jodelis ir J. Kerulis, sekretorė Ona Aleliunienė (3251 So. Union Ave.), finansų sekretorė Peggy Zakaras (4151 So. Artesian Ave.), išdinininkas N. Karlavičius, išdo globėjai A. Bacevičius ir E. Samienė, tvarkdarys A. Petrusis. Dvasios vadu pakviestas prel. Ig. Albavičius.

Įvairių komisijų pirmininkai bus išrinkti sekančiame kuopos susirinkime.

Knygų revizijos komisijon išrinkti V. Jodelis, M. Paukštienė ir E. Samienė.

Sendraugiai — šv. Kazimiero dienos iškilmių šeimininkai. L. Vyčių Illinois - Indiana apskritis savo globėjo šv. Kazimiero garbei iškilmes — dvasinę puotą suruošė sekmadienį, kovo 2 d. švč. Panelės Marijos Nekalto Prasidėjimo parapijos bažnyčioje, o bendri pusryčiai buvo suruošti Vyčių salėj.

Šių metų iškilmių šeimininkais buvo sendraugiu kuopa. Gėlėmis nariams pasipuošti einant bažnyčion rūpinosi P. Zakaraitė ir S. Jonutienė, šeimininkėmis — O. Aleliunienė, bendrais tvarkos reikalais V. Paukštis, A. Petrusis, J. Kerulis.

Plačiau apie iškilmes parašysime sekančiame numeryje.

Užgavėnių vakaras. Lietuvišku papročiu, užgavėnėse sendraugiai suruošė blynų vakarą, kurin buvo kviečiami ne tik vyčiai sendraugiai ir jaunieji, bet ir svečiai, viešnios. Nors tą vakarą buvo labai šalta, vienok nemažai susirinko žmonių pasivaikinti ir pasilinksinti. Skanius blynus kepė ir visus vaišino sendraugės J. Petkūnienė, O. Aleliunienė ir J. Žemaitienė. Pastaroji blynus į stalus padavinėjo gražiu balsu dainuodama senoviškas liaudies dainas, kurių ji šimtus moka, taip gi savo originalius kupletus.

Vakaras buvo tikrai linksmas, jaukus ir kuopai bei namui davė pelno.

Margučių konkursas. Atvelykyje sendraugiai nutarė suruošti Vyčių salėj margučių konkursą. Dovanos bus duodamos už dvejomis margučius: 1) kurių raštai vaizduos lietuviškumą, lietuviškais simboliais išmarginti ir 2) paprastais įvairiais dažais gražiausiai nudažyti. Jury komisijon bus pakviesti mūs dailininkai. Premijuoti, o taip pat ir nepremijuoti, margučiai Vyčių salėj bus išstatyti parodai ilgesniam laikui.

Vienas Vyčių namo prievaizdas (manager). Iki šiol Vyčių name buvo du prievaizdai: V. Paukštis rūpinosi Ramovės baru, o J. Juozaitis — salės išnuomavimu. Paskutiniu metu laiku Namo Taryba nutarė tas pareigas sujungti ir pavesti vienam asmeniui. Sujungtos pareigos patikėtos V. Paukščiui, kuris jau kelinti metai labai pavyzdingai tvarko Ramovės baro reikalus. Nors V. Paukštis yra užimtas savo prekyba (turi geležinių daiktų krautuve), vienok daug laiko pašvenčia ir Vyčių namo reikalams. Gera taipgi, kad jis netoli gyvena.

Naujam prievaizdai linkime ištvėrmės, o vyčiai jaunieji ir sendraugiai prašomi kooperuoti ir kur kiek galima padėti.

Gausiai dalyvavo seime. Kančios sekmadienį Chicagoj įvyko Tėvų Marijonų Bendradarbių draugijos metinis suvažiavimas, kuriame matėsi daug vyčių sendraugiu, veikiančių bendradarbių skyriuose prie mūsų parapijų, o ir pati sendraugiu kuopa taipgi paskyrė \$10 auką. Atstovais buvo kuopos pirm. Ign. Sakalas ir A. Bacevičius.

Atostogavo Kalifornijoje. L. Šimutis, mūs organizacijos garbės narys, priklausęs sendraugiams, pakviestas Los Angeles lietuvių kalbėti suruoštam Vasario 16 minėjime, nepraleido progos trejetą savaitių paatostogauti Pacifiko pakrantėse. Kartu buvo išvykus ir žmona Angelė.

Kovoje dėl Lietuvos išlaisvinimo, Amerikos lietuvių katalikų veikime lietuviškumui išlaikyti, mūsų istai-

goms klestėti ir plėstis, mūs organizacijoms gyvybę palaikyti L. Šimutis vaidina vieną pagrindinių rolių. Linkime jam sveikatos ir ištvėrmės visuose jo darbuose.

Sveikiname. Stefanija ir Antanas Jonučiai, gyv. 6345 So. Kostner Ave., sausio 10 d. minėjo vedybinio gyvenimo 25 m. jubilėjų, išklaudydami užprašytų šv. mišių tėvų Marijonų koplyčioje ir apipinti vainiku sveikinimų bei linkėjimų — ko ilgiausių saulėtų metų. Į tą vainiką buvo įpinta daug ir dovanų nuo istaigų ir draugų - bičiulių.

Stefanija yra gimusi Baltimorėj iš tėvų Emilijos ir Baltraus Mikutų. Ten pat išėjusi ir augštesnius mokslus. Pažymėtina, kad kaip jos abu tėvai, taip ir vyras yra kilęs nuo Salantų — žemaičiai. Nuo 1936 m. jubilėtai pastoviai apsigyveno Chicagoj. Gražioje rezidencijoje kartu gyvena ir Stefanijos mamytė, tėvelis miręs.

A. Jonutis iš amato yra patyręs tool and die maker, o Stefanija jau eilė metų, kaip "Drauge" veda skelbimų skyrių. Jubilėtai priklauso vyčiams sendraugiams ir kitoms kultūrinėms organizacijoms, kuriose, kiek laikas leidžia, darbuojasi ir finansiniai padeda.

Atostogavo Kalifornijoje. Elžbieta Samienė, nenuilstanti sendraugiu ir kitų draugijų veikėja ir buvusi ilgametė Chicagos Lietuvių tarybos sekretorė, žiemos mėnesius praleido Kalifornijoje, kur gyvena jos vaikai jau sukūrę nuosavas šeimas. Visuomet kupina naujų sumanymų, Elžbieta visuomet laukiama draugijų susirinkimuose. Šiuo metu ji sėkmingai vadovauja Tėvų Marijonų Bendradarbių Chicagos apskričiai. Ji taip pat vadovauja ir TMB Bridgeporto skyriui, kuris yra daugiausiai pasidarbavęs ir finansiniai parėmęs Tėvų Marijonų šakotą lietuvišką veikimą Amerikos lietuvių katalikų tarpe.

Linkime pasveikti ir vėl kartu veikti. Liga — nemaloni viešnia, ateina nekviečiama, padaro didelių nuostolių, o kartais ir ašaromis namus patvindo. Nėra išimtis ir sen-



PROCLAMATION issued by Governor Dennis J. Roberts, Designating Sunday, February 16, 1958, as "Republic of Lithuania Day" in Rhode Island. Left to right, Veronica Minalgo, president of Council 103, Providence, Vytautas J. Savickis, Edward Ciočys, John Beinoris, the Governor, Rev. John A. Vaitekunas, pastor of St. Casimir's (hon. member of K. of L.), Mrs. John A. Stoskus, Barbara Cyronak and Mrs. Edward Ciočys. In front (standing) Povilas J. Stoskus, son of John A. Stoskus, past national vice president of the Knights of Lithuania.

45th K. of L.
NATIONAL CONVENTION

to be held

August 21 — 24, 1958,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Host: Council 3

Make plans to attend the convention

N O W.

draugių namai. Jau kuris laikas kaip nesveikuoja B. Pivariūnienė, lietuviškos duonos ir pyragaičių kepyklos savininkė ir didžioji labdarė.

Teklė Norbutienė, dažna sendraugių parengimų šeimininkė, antru kart buvo paguldyta ligoninė. Pirmiau sirgo plaučių uždegimu. Ligą nugalėjus ir namo grįžus, pasirodė reikalinga operacijos.

Ignas Sakalas ilgokai nesveikavęs pagalios buvo priverstas atsigulti ligoninė.

Prieš dedant į voką šias žinias, gauta pranešimas, kad Pranas Čižauskas, vienas aktyviausių senųjų lietuvių katalikiškam ir tautiškam veikime susirgo širdies liga ir paguldytas šv. Kryžiaus ligoninė.

Džiugu, kad visi šie ligoniai sveiksta ir tikimasi neužilgo juos vėl matyti susirinkimuose ir bendrame veikime.

Vadovauja bendradarbiu skyriui. Jonas Kerulis, kurio veikimu džiaugiasi ne tik vyčiai sendraugiai, bet taip pat sambūriai mūsų vienuolynams remti, išrinktas šių metų Tėvų Marijonų Bendradarbių skyriaus Brighton Parke valdybon.

Tėvo mirtis primena mums žymią organizacijos veikėją. Vasario 21 d. mirtis gedulu apgaubė Paliliūnų namus. Amžinam poilsiui tapo pašauktas a. a. Pranciškus Paliliūnas, kuris

su savo žmona Didžerekaite išaugino ir išmokslo šeima. Viena jų dukterų, Bronė Paliliūnaitė, buvo žymi vyčių organizacijos veikėja. Jau besimokydama šv. Kazimiero akademijoje ir paskui De Paul universitete, kuri baigė Bachelor of Philosophy laipsniū, pradėjo dalyvauti jaunimo veikime. Ypatingai pamėgo vyčius, kuriems daugiausiai ir skyrė savo jaunatviškos energijos. Keletą metų buvo pavyzdinga vyčių Chicagos apskrities choro sekretorė, reikalų vedėja ir akomponiatorė. Vyčių konferencijos, vakarai, koncertai, išvažiavimai irgi neapseidavo be jos. Kai reikėdavo kurią nors kiek prisnudusią kuopą pažadinti, entuziazmo veikimui priduoti, Bronė Paliliūnaitė buvo pirmoji. Savo parapijoje (Marquette Parke) veikė ne tik 112-toj kuopoj, bet ir kitose jaunimo organizacijose. Buvo suorganizavęs mokyklos aliumnų chorą, kuris sekmadieniais

giedodavo per mišias.

1925 metais buvo išrinkta Vyčių centro sekretore ir toms pareigoms tiek atsidavė, kad pasidarė vadovaujanti visam šakotam veikimui. Už nepaprastą savo veiklą buvo pakelta į garbės nares.

Po a. a. Bronės mirties, jos marmytė nutarė išrašyti vyčių organizacijon — sendraugių kuopon, — kad kiek pajėgdama padėtų jaunimui jo gražiam veikime. Ir taip motina iki šiol vykdo duktės paliktą nerašytą testamentą. Ir velionis Pranciškus daug kartų yra vienu ir kitu būdu parėmęs vyčių organizaciją, jos kilnius reikalus.

Pašarvotą Lechawicz koplyčioje a. a. P. Paliliūną lankė vyčiai, ypatingai sendraugiai, užprašė šv. mišias ir daugelis palydėjo į kapines.

Savo brangiai narei Barborai Paliliūnienei, sendraugiai reiškia nuoširdžią užuojautą didelio liudėsio valandose.

**IZABELEI IR JUOZUI LAUČKAMS,
JU MIELAM SŪNELIUI JUOZUKUI MIRUS,
REIŠKIA GILIOS UŽUOJAUTOS
VYČIŲ CENTRO VALDYBA
ir "VYTIES" REDAKCIJA**

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - ANNOUNCEMENT

The Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Program is intended to help a worthy and deserving Knight obtain a college education. It should be a stimulus for young Lithuanian-Americans to join and be active in our organization.

This Scholarship is to be awarded annually as a grant. Applications must be submitted by April 1st of each year, beginning in 1958. The first scholarship award will be made for the academic year beginning in September, 1958. The total award of \$600.00 will be paid to the recipient in two installments, \$300.00 will be paid directly to the college or university before each semester. In exceptional cases, the grant may be made in one lump sum. Scholarship will be awarded to a different Knight each year.

The winner of the award, if possible, should attend an accredited Catholic college or university. If this would be difficult, then he or she could select a non-sectarian college or university upon the approval of the Board of Trustees. Each applicant has the responsibility of making application and securing entrance to the college of his or her choice. If the recipient of the award drops out of college, or if his or her scholastic standing becomes unsatisfactory to the college, the unexpended balance of the award may be forfeited at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship awards may be made to a person for undergraduate or graduate work. There is no age limitation. Although the grant may be given to the most brilliant Knights of Lithuania member, yet in some instances it may go to a student in the first half of the graduating class. Organizational activity is an important criterion for obtaining a scholarship, along with the following requirements and stipulations:

An applicant's qualifications will be based on recommendations made by: his or her Council or District President; Spiritual Advisor or Pastor; Former Teacher; and Character Reference. He or she will be judged on his or her previous scholastic record, results of a personal interview, and possible examinations where necessary. Financial need will be taken into consideration, and the applications will be carefully studied by the members of the Scholarship Committee. Decisions will be final, and announced at each National Convention.

The 44th National K. of L. Convention in Los Angeles, California, held in August, 1957, approved the following trustees to the Scholarship Committee, which will study the submitted applications and select the recipient of the award:

- (1) Jack J. Stukas, B.S., M.S. Chairman — 1264 White St., Hillside, N. J. (3 years)
- (2) Leonard Valiukas, B. S., A.M. — 906 W. 34th St., Los Angeles 7, Calif. (2 years)
- (3) Joseph Boley, A.B. — 163 E. 71st St., New York, N. Y. (2 years)
- (4) Rev. Peter P. Cinikas, M.I.C. — 4545 W. 63rd St., Chicago 29, Ill. (3 years)
- (5) Rev. Albert Contons — 50 W. 6th St., So. Boston 27, Mass. (2 years)
- (6) Rev. Walter Karaveckas — 2114 Sarah St., Pittsburgh 3, Pa. (2 years)

In addition, the California National Convention approved the selection of:

Mrs. Mary Rudis, 13500 S. Western, Blue Island, Chicago, Ill., as Committee Secretary, and William Kolicius — 3522 Marge Drive, Pittsburgh 34, Pa., as Committee Treasurer.

A Regional Advisory Board was set up, and includes the following members:

Julius Kiskis, Los Angeles, California;
 Anthony Skirius, Los Angeles, California;
 Robert Boris, Detroit, Michigan;
 Leonard Simutis, Chicago, Illinois.

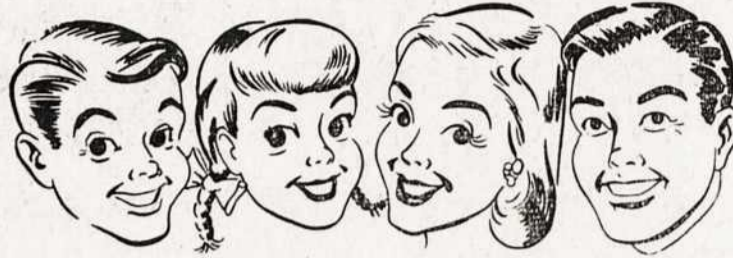
Application blanks are sent this first year to each council; additional ones in the future can be obtained by writing to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

All completed application forms, confidential reference forms, and official school transcripts must, of necessity, be forwarded to one address — namely, that of the Chairman, Jack J. Stukas, 1264 White St., Hillside, N. J., who will circulate the material among the other trustees on the Scholarship Committee.

All donations and funds for the Scholarship Fund should be forwarded to the Treasurer, Mr. William Kolicius, 3522 Marge Drive, Pittsburgh 34, Pa. The functions and procedures of the office of secretary will be determined during the operations of the Scholarship Program.

Proposed sources of funds for this Scholarship Program are: donations by philanthropic individuals and activities sponsored by individual councils and districts of 25c on each K. of L. member; an annual raffle; also organizations; a voluntary council yearly assessment.

JUNIOR PAGE



EASTER IN LITHUANIA

Mom has always said, "Velykos Lietuvoje esą Didžiausia šventė". (Easter in Lithuania is the greatest of all feasts.) And it is true.

You have probably heard your parents or grandparents speak of the hard fast, during the seven weeks of Lent. At some places no meat or eggs — at all — were consumed during the 40 days.

Customs started on Palm Sunday when the parents woke their children by beating them (gently, of course) with juniper twigs and saying, "Verba muša, tai ne aš; už savaitės bus Velykos: daug margų kiaušinių". (The palm is beating you, not I; in a week's time Easter will be here; many colored eggs). This saying varied in different parts of the country and some included a wish for health, as it was said, the touch of the evergreen twig induced good health and beauty. (That must be the reason why we have so many pretty Lithuanian girls.)

After getting the palm at Mass, the people would return home and repeat the flogging. (Gently, of course.)

During Holy Week, the practices were the same as those carried on here in our own parish churches.

On Maundy Thursday, the housewife would give her home a thorough cleaning and bathe the entire family. This must be the reason why so many of our mothers now insist on having the house clean for Easter with a from top-to-bottom cleaning.

On Good Friday dirty work was forbidden.

On Holy Saturday, as here, the blessing of the water and fire took place; also blessing of food; except in Lithuania, the priest came to the house and blessed the table loaded down with good food.

Holy Saturday was the time when that famous coloring of eggs took place. I don't believe that anywhere else, were such pains taken to put beautiful designs and colors on Easter eggs.

Many of the people went to church on Saturday evening where the Blessed Sacrament was exposed the replica of the tomb of Christ. In many of the parishes, men, dressed as soldiers, would guard the tomb til dawn and then at the Resurrection Mass act as guards of the Blessed Sacrament during the procession.

Just as here, during the Masses, "Linksma Diena Jau Nušvito" ("The Joyful Day has Dawned") would echo through the church sounding the joy that "Christ is Risen" and at last the long fast is over.

After Mass everyone would rush home — for it was said that the first one home, would be the first one through with his work for the year.

Breakfast, you can imagine, was a most hearty meal and usually after breakfast everyone would return to bed and sleep until noon.

During the day there would be the customary breaking of the Easter eggs, but there would be no merrymaking or dancing as Easter Sunday was considered a very great feast day. It was on the following day that everyone sang and danced. In many places, the farmer would not work on Easter Tuesday because it was known as the "hail day". If anyone were to plough the ground with a plough, the crops would be destroyed by summer hail.

It cannot be said that these customs were carried on in all sections of Lithuania, but these traditions were most common.

Junior Council 3

Philadelphia, Pa. Last month, the following officers were installed:

Christine Salciunas, president; William Wallace, secretary; and John Smoluk, treasurer. Sveikiname!

We have thirty-seven members in good standing, according to Miss Helen Shields, our counsellor... We hope to make a tour of the WCAU-TV Station, sometime in the near future... Committee, consisting of Ausra Gaigalas, Diane Beletsky, Christine Salciunas and William Wallace, prepared a few poems, folk dances, decorations and short essays for our Lithuanian Independence Day celebrations held on February 16th... On April 13th, our regular Council 3, assisted by us Juniors, will hold a 3rd annual Minstrel Show...

Special Reminder!

To All Junior K. of L'ers: Last year, our Junior Council asked councils to inaugurate into their prayers (before and after meetings) a short ejaculation — "šventas Kazimierai, Melskis Už Mus ir Už Kenčiančią Lietuvą." Let's hear from you — as to whether or not you have done so.

How 'Bout That

Jimmy Grear received a beautiful Hi-Fi for Christmas (similar to Frannie's)... We play the latest records each Friday evening, thanks to Bernadette Balionis' loan of a Victrola... We understand Leona is the scourge of the Villa Joseph Marie's dormitories... Carol, Barbara, Leona and Aldona together with Tony, Pete, Mickey and Jackie had a wonderful time at Bishop Neumann's Christmas Dance. Billy and Eunice went to La Salle's High School Band social... Christine had troubles, over the holiday, with drooping Christmas trees... Billy R. received a portable TV from that jolly fellow in the red suit... Barbara Claxton has turned in her mouthpiece (French Horn, that is).

William Wallace
251 Mountain St.
Philadelphia 48, Pa.



VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Mary T. Klimkaitis

The second district BOWL-OFFS were held in Worcester, Mass. on Sunday, January 5th, with about 60 members participating. After the bowling, all were treated with a snack in the K. of L. Clubroom of Council 116, host.

That same evening officers of the district discussed important matters, including the second in a series of Leadership Courses — held in the St. Casimir's parish hall on Waverly St., Worcester, Mass., February 23rd (Host, Council 26).

The district dance, held on Saturday, February 8th at the National Guard Armory, Dorchester, Mass., was well attended. It helped replenish our treasurer, too.

Plans for a N. E. District sponsored TV Show are progressing slowly but surely. Chances are this will materialize in the Fall.

Lawrence, Mass. 78 Joan Bingales

On March 2nd, our council jointly with the Sodalists and CYO, commemorated the 500th anniversary of the birth of St. Casimir. Father Albert Contons, national spiritual director, preached at the 8 a. m. Mass at St. Francis Church and was guest speaker at the Communion Breakfast following Mass. That same afternoon, in the parish hall, during the Federation — sponsored St. Casimir's Day, Father Contons likewise showed colored slides of his trip through Europe. All arrangements were made by Msgr. Francis M. Juras, pastor and honorary member of the Knights of Lithuania and Father Albin F. Janiunas, curate and spiritual adviser of our council.

Worcester, Mass. 116 Ann Miller

At the January meeting, the new officers were installed; also follow-

ing committees were elected: Ann Matachinskas (Social Treasurer), Mildred Buda, Ruth Ciras and Ann Markvenas (Spiritual Program), Janice Sabonaitis, Irena Platukis and A. Miller (Lithuanian Affairs), Pauline Savage, Barbara Mattson and Mary Klimkaitis (Cultural), Helen Daltwas, Dorothy Sinkavitch and Trudy Zibinskas (Ritual), Joe Krasinskas, Robert Paluses, Richard Swedis, Maryann Sinkiewicz and Jimmy Gvazdauskas (Membership). Also co-editors of our council bulletin "Equestrian" for this year will be Ann Matachinskas and Bill Burdulis.

Council members made two trips to Boston — one, to see the Celtics in a basketball game, and the other, to see the Ice Follies... Every Thursday night is set aside for bowling and K. of L. Choir rehearsals.

The 2nd New England District Roll-Off was held on January 5th, with our council playing as host. It was a tremendous success.

DIS AND DATA: During the holidays, Ann Matachinskas became engaged to Koke; also Joan Aksten to Ray Daniels... Our crystal ball reports that Julia Chiras is keeping steady company... Bob Stevens served delicious coffee 'n after our meeting... "There's no place like home" for the holidays — so Bernice Burdulis flew from Miami to be with us... Richie Yucatonis and John Yurkenas also were home for a few days... Seen at the Vet's New Year's Party were Pauline Savage and Janice Sabonaitis and their beaux... Richie Swedis was seen "cutting up" at the Norwood Council New Year's Party... Wish Joan Tamulavich a speedy recovery... Dot Skinsky had a wonderful Christmas because her heart throb was home on furlough... Honorable mention goes to Dot Sinkavitch for having sold the most Christmas cards this year, nice work Dot... There's no place like Connecticut

for Bernice (?) and Maryann Sinkiewicz. Minute Men of today are those who can make it to the refrigerator and back during the television commercials.

Norwood, Mass. 27 "Knite-Light"

1958 Officers: John Vaikasis, president; Francis Kaseta, vice president; Elaine Pupalaigis, recording secretary; Christine Sironka, financial secretary; Francis Nevins, treasurer; Mary Ann Alukonis and Katherine Adakonis, s-gts.-at-arms; and Mrs. Nella Pazniokas and Edward Tarutis, auditors.

Council bulletin — "Knite-Light" is again being published, thanks to Father Svirskas, spiritual adviser; Lillian Kaseta and John Vaikasas, co-editors; John Vaikasas, art editor; and Mary Ann Alukonis and Amelia Tulis, typists.

We had a Christmas Social after our December meeting; also New Year's Party, held at the Lithuanian Hall, which was well attended by our district councils.

Several of our members are scholarly - minded. Among them are John Studalnick who is attending Northeastern and John Bally, student at Newman Prep.

Worcester and Providence WORKSHOPS tilled an area aimed toward an increased harvest of members to be pruned to our old roster's vine by a more developed Religious and Cultural seed growth. As part of the Spiritual Program, we hope to have more Holy Hour services; sponsor pilgrimages at various Shrines throughout New England; form K. of L. choirs. As part of the Cultural Program, we hope to revive folk songs and dances; have more interest in the Lithuanian language, crafts-weaving and wood-carving; also organize folk dance groups. Ultimately, a Lithuanian Arts and Crafts Festival could be sponsored on a district or national level during their respective conventions.

So. Boston, Mass. 17 "The Lancer"

1958 Officers: John Olevitz, president; Dalia Karablis, vice president; Patricia Plansky, secretary; Ann Kleponis, treasurer; Dolores Ruth, fin. sec'y; Roland Martinkus and Stanley Yelmokas, trustees; and Jerry Venis, sgt.-at-arms.

In our most recent council bulletin, there appears an interesting article by Father John Zuromskis entitled "Missile Neurosis."

Florence Zaleskas is quite concerned about sports, particularly bowling. She urges all who haven't taken up bowling yet, to join the group of bowlers on Monday evenings at the South Station Bowling Alleys. Four district Roll-Offs are planned for this year. At the first one held in Hartford, Conn., sixty members participated.

Several of our members attended the district's Holy Hour held in St. Casimir's Church, Providence, R. I., where Father Zuromskis, district spiritual adviser recited the rosary, and Father A. A. Jurgelaitis, O. P. gave an inspiring talk on "Being a Good Catholic."

Recently, Angie and Stan Yelmokas celebrated their 5th Wedding Anniversary... Lillian and Gibby Gailius were blessed with another child, Laura... Alice Savage and Joe Russell have set their wedding date as April 12th... Another of our stalwarts has joined the ranks of the engaged — John Daniels, national treasurer and Anita Caulfield... An addition has been made to the family of Virginia (Kleponis) and Chet Laufer, a boy. Congratulations!

Our council was well represented at the Eastern Regional Committees Conference sponsored by the N. Y.-N. J. District, at the Hotel Robert Treat, Newark, N. J. by Father Contons, Phyllis Grendal, Larry Svelnis, Wini Skudris, Aldonna Jacobs, Joanne Dravinskas and John Olevitz.

Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the initial presentation of its scholarship for the school year starting this September (deadline April 1st). Those interested, contact our Cultural Chairman.

St. Casimir's Communion and Breakfast took place on Sunday, March 2nd, in the St. Peter's Lithuanian parish. The 500th anni-

versary of the birth of our Patron Saint was commemorated jointly with other youth groups of the parish.

ODE TO A FOUNTAIN PEN

by Marie Ruka

Little fountain pen
Dunked in ink
Aren't you afraid
That you might sink?
You open your mouth
Way up wide
And let the ink
Come inside.

When you are thirsty
We see your plight
Because you rebel
And refuse to write.

Lawrence, Mass. — 78

New Officers — Rev. Albin F. Janiunas, spiritual adviser; John Katin, president; Mary Neversky, secretary; Pauline Aroski, treasurer; and Joan Bingales, VYTIS correspondent.

Belatedly, we wish to congratulate Mary Eleanor Turonis and Arthur Fyfe, both K. of L'ers, who were recently married in St. Francis Church.

Welcome Councillors: Mrs. Marian Hobitz and Mrs. Joan Lisauskas.

Athol, Mass. — 10

B. M.

Our Annual WINTER CARNIVAL, held weekend of February 1st, was a huge success. Miss Louise Kraskauskas of Gardner was chosen Queen and crowned by William Wisnauskas (president of our council) at the dance held Saturday eve., American Legion home in Athol. Among the spiritual advisers who enjoyed the outdoor sports were Rev. Albin Yankauskas of Worcester; Rev. Donald Rebokas of Gardner; and Rev. Alphonse Volungis of Athol.

Worcester, Mass— 26 B.B.C. & R.B.

Nauja Valdyba: Mrs. Ann Bender, president; Joe Drumstas, vice president; Joan Ridick and Olga Kersus, secretaries; Rita Pinkus, fin. sec'y.; Joan Steele and Carol Watts, auditors; Mrs. Ann Ridick, financial secretary; Jack Ridick and Adelle Ceraska, sgts-at-arms; and Rita Brazauskas, chmn. Lithuanian Affairs.

Bowling League Standings: Leo Bankit (1st place team), Bill Grigas

(2nd place team), Joe Sakaitis (3rd place team), Bob Mangaudis (4th place team). Girls' High Triple — Rita Pinkus (315), Helen Gillus (295), Mary Jankowski (291). Girls' High Single — Rita Pinkus (114), Claire Grigaitis (113), Franny Nockunas (109). Men's High Triple — Bob Mangaudis (356), Leo Bankit (327), Bill Grigas (325), Joe Sakaitis (325). Men's High Single — Bob Mangaudis (134), Leo Bankit (128), Eddie Daniels (126). Bowlers meet every Thursday evening.

Wedding Bells: Joan Youdsnukis and Victor Peckaitis were wed at Our Lady of Vilna Church, February 8th; Adele Ivaska and Franny Duggan of Providence, on February 15th; Joan Savage and Thomas Dyerand, at St. Casimir's February 15th. Laimingo vedybinio gyvenimo visiems!

Joseph Landis, immediate past president and Rita Brazauskas were delegated to represent our council at the Lithuanian Independence Day exercises sponsored by the Catholic Federation organizations.

In observing the 500th anniversary of St. Casimir's birth, this year's commemoration was celebrated jointly with other youth organizations of the parish on a much larger scale than in the past, followed by a Communion Breakfast and Holy Hour that same afternoon, March 2nd.

George Bakanas was elected chairman of the Clubroom Committee, and his assistants — Joseph Sepas and Joseph Kondrotas. These fellows have "great ideas" in improving our clubrooms!... A hearty welcome is extended to our new member, Andrew Kalanta... Our council extends deep sympathy to Ann Bender, on the loss of her beloved mother; Adelle Ceraska and Emily Witkus, on the loss of their beloved brother; and Joseph Grigaitis and Claire Grigaitis on the loss of their beloved mother and aunt, respectively.

Hartford, Conn. — 6

1958 Officers: Frank Kadis, president; Sally Shimkus, vice president; Sue Bairunas, recording secretary; Bob Lawrence, treasurer; Mary Mazens, financial secretary.

Our newly-elected **President Kadis** is a well known member of

Holy Trinity, has worked hard in many parish activities, has much experience in leadership having served in other organizations, and we, therefore, are confident that with his ability, personality and ardent desire to do a good job, will succeed in serving the council with the cooperation of all members... **Vice President Sally Shimkus** is an enthusiastic K. of L'er, though one of our newer members. She is a junior at Mt. St. Joseph Academy, and is following the footsteps of her parents who at one time were the backbone of our council. **Treasurer Bob Lawrence**, one of our newer members, is always ready and willing to pitch in and help on all occasions. His pleasant manner and friendliness has made him one of the "regular guys" of the K. of L. At present, he is studying at Hillyer College... **Rec. Secretary Sue Bairunas** has had much experience in K. of L. work, having served as officer for several years, delegate to various district and national conventions. Sue together with **Madelyn Bansavich**, past vice president, revived our council once more. **Financial Secretary Mary Mazens** has participated in many of our activities. Mary's musical talent has been displayed at Holy Trinity Church, and at present is senior at Hartford High School and also attends Julius Hartt School of Music.

To our outgoing officers — Dan Medeska, president, Madelyn Bansevich, vice president, Stella Zielnis, recording secretary, Dick Bansavich, treasurer and Sue Bairunas, financial secretary (now rec. sec'y.), we say "thanks" for all their endeavors in the past.

It was nice to have some of our college student members home for the holidays — Charlie Shimkus, Charlie Caley, Roland Giedraitis and Shirley Mazotas... Hartford was host at the 1st of the four district Bowling Roll-Offs. Approximately sixty people from S. Boston, Worcester, Cambridge and Hartford bowled... Sue Bairunas and Madelyn Bansevich attended the N. E. District Workshop in Worcester, Mass... Bernie Saukis, Fran DeVito and Bob Samulevich have been attending many of the socials sponsored by district councils... Sally Shimkus and Bob Lawrence were hit by the Flu bug — but are now

recovering... Hope the Kirtis Family is enjoying their new ranch home in Newington... We extend a warm welcome to our new curate, Father Benesevich... Members — read our council bulletin KNIGHT NEWS — for all council activities...

Providence, R. I. — 103 Ann Teeks

Lithuania's Independence: Several of our members, headed by Father John Vaitekunas, pastor visited Governor Dennis J. Roberts, who issued a Proclamation on February 16th (see photo in this issue); also movies of the occasion were taken by Station WPRO-TV and shown on the news broadcast. Mayor Walter E. Reynolds also issued a Proclamation.

Close to 200 March issues of VY-TIS (dedicated to St. Casimir, Our Patron) were distributed to Lithuanian families in our parish. Father John Vaitekunas donated \$10, and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Mathieu \$5.00 — to cover the cost of these extra copies. Also Mr. and Mrs. Algird Straznickas donated some money to cover the cost of mailing these issues. Committee in charge of printing flyers (inserted in each issue — with additional information about the Feast of St. Casimir) consisted of Bertha Stoskus, Ruth Krecioch, Irene Landanski and Dorothy Labucki.

Bertha and John Stoskus were hosts to Tony Lubert, Dolores Rupp, Monica Casper and Barbara Lazutka, all of Chicago, Ill., during their tour of the New England States.

All members, including past and prospective, received a treat in the mail, recently. The first issue of the revived "One-O-Three" (council paper) was published February 1st. Thanks to Bertha Stoskus and Ruth Krecioch for their time, effort and work put into the editing of it.

Irene Landanski was elected secretary of the Providence College Veridames Society. Congratulations!.. Best of luck to Barbara Cyronak on her recent engagement to Alvin E. Edler, Jr. of Briston, R. I. (Wedding date set for August 2nd).. Our council played host to the 3rd N. E. England District Bowling Roll-Off which took place March 16th at the Sullivan Alleys... Barbara Cyronak and Vera Minalgo were co-chairmen.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Gary, Indiana 82 Jose

We are so proud of our council president, JOHN KAMINSKI, who was recently elected President of the Illinois - Indiana District. Also, Josephine Kuizin (remember it was her mom, Stella Kuizin, who organized Council 82 in 1950!) who was elected Lithuanian Affairs Committee Secretary of the district. After a four-year's absence (while attending Mary-of-the-Woods College) Jo is back in activity again. To both John Kaminski and Jo Kuizin, we wish God's help in all their endeavors.

Bowling Tournament and Party (Host, Council 5, Chicago, Ill.) will long be remembered because four of our members returned home with prize money: STANLEY JUKNEVICH, MICKI SHIRVINSKI, JIM RUKAS and JO KUIZIN.

Our second trip to Chicago — to a dance sponsored by Council 112, was enjoyed by Sophie and John Kaminski, Stella and Josephine Kuizin, Joanne Mazeika, Geraldine Centani and Patsy Kaminski.

Mrs. Mihaluk and Charlotte Strumski make such delicious cakes! They serve them after each Friday - night bowling meet. Come and join us Friday evenings!

In January, we played host during the Bowling Tournament held in our city... We also enjoyed the New Year's Eve party held at our president's house...

We have a few council activities in store for you all — do attend our meetings and assist us in some of our undertakings.

ILLINOIS - INDIANA A. Yuknis

District Officers

The Reverend Peter Cinikas, spiritual adviser; John Kaminskis, president; Frank Petkunas and Al Manst, vice presidents; Joseph Stanaitis, treasurer; Mrs. Mickey Shirvinskis and Irene Mikaitis, secretaries; Peter Gagle, John and Walter Cibulskis, sgts.-at-arms; Edward Pocius, Eleanore Laurin and Pat Kamar, trustees.

The District bowling parties are rolling again with an average of 50

persons participating. The November bowling was sponsored by Northside Council 5 and the December bowl was sponsored by Brighton Park Council 36. The Gary, Indiana Council 82, under the leadership of John Kaminskas, entertained the bowlers in January.

The TWO-EYE DISTRICT "Farewell to '57" party was arranged by Eleanore Laurin, Pat Kamar, Helen Zimmer, John and Walter Cibulskis... Konnie Savickus, K. of L. legal adviser, was recently appointed by Mayor Richard Daley as Assistant Corporation counsel for the city of Chicago... Anthony Rudis is being backed by a civic committee to run for Congress in the third district. A photo of Mr. Rudis' Christmas display on the front lawn of his Beverly Hills home — a Nativity scene — was published on the first page of the Southtown Economist newspaper... Ted Zayner, a former resident of Brighton Park, has again coached his Calumet High School to the city championship in football. His school was in the White Division (small enrollment schools) and was the first to gain the city championship out of that division — in fact, winning two years in succession... Johnny Podres of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has led all of the National League pitchers with the lowest earned run average of 2.6 runs permitted per game and enjoying six shutouts... Reverend Anthony Svedas has been given a lifetime membership card by the Don Varnas Post of the American Legion... Chicagoans were quite proud to see Ruta Lee-Kilmonis, member of C-133, Los Angeles, appear on the Bob Hope show on television as the debutante of the movies along with others.

Bowling Tournament (Sportsmen's Lanes, Gary, Ind.): Fifty-eight bowlers participated. After bowling, everybody was treated with a chicken dinner at St. Casimir's church hall. Emily Mihaluk and Stanley Juknevich were co-chairmen, and assisted by Grandma Bruzas, Sophie Kaminski, Mickey Shirvinski, Frances Mazeika, Elizabeth Shirvinski and Mary Rukas. Toastmaster of the evening was John Kaminski, district president. Among those introduced for a bow were Ed and Al Pratt, district

Sports Committee chairmen; Pat Kamar and Eleanore Laurin. Top bowlers were Stan Juknevich (high game of 223 and high series of 581) and Diane Rekus (high game of 186 and high series of 512). Next bowling meet will take place at FERO (Ferovicus) Lanes, Cicero, Ill. (Host, Council 112).

Vytautas Bandziulis (C-99) and Jean Sheures (C-112) were married at Nativity Church on January 11th. The Legionnaires from Don Varnas Post acted as guard-of-honor in the impressive ceremonies... Laura Yucius, past C-5 Northside president (now residing in Los Angeles, Calif.) and Leslie Neeley were married recently... Engaged couples: Bob Zimmer to Pat Wagner; Dolores Stroga to Gene Nick; Frank Petkunas to Dell Tamasauskas; Charlotte Strumski to Alex Kukurugya of Gary, Indiana; Barbara Lazutka to Ed Vaitkunas of Worcester, Mass. (wedding date set for April 26th)... President John Kaminski and his wife abandoned the Gary snow by shipping out to Sunny Florida.

Chicago, Ill. 112 Dolores Rupp

We extend a cordial invitation to all members and friends to attend our Annual Bunny Hop which will be held at the K. of L. Youth Center on Easter Sunday.

Late vacationers: Ed Ubis and his mother trained to California to visit his brother... Tony Lubert has just returned from an extensive motor trip (New York - Eastern Canada - Florida and New Orleans)... Jean and Vytautas Bandziulis honeymooned in California after their wedding (Jan. 11th)... Barbara Lazutka, Al Mockus, Tony Lubert, Eleanor Laurin and Pat Doman had a might fine time at C-82's Bowling Tournament... Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lorraine Johnson (Dombrowski) on the birth of their first baby — a girl.

Chicago, Ill. 112 Barbara Lazutka

Nauja Valdyba: Al Mockus, president; Dolores Rupp, vice president; Irene Rakaitis, recording sec'y.; Ann Marie Paukstis, corresponding sec'y.; Frances Kanapack, financial sec'y.; Monica Kasper treasurer; Lorraine Wainauskis and Ed Ubis, trustees; and Peter Gagle and Jim Jagiella, sgts.-at-arms.

Our annual Christmas party, held

at the K. of L. Youth Center, was nicely arranged by our outgoing officers. Dolores Rupp certainly can make delicious punch... Tony Lubert has been traveling along the Atlantic Coast since December 1st. To date, he has visited Canada and while in Providence, Rhode Island, visited former C-112 members, John and Bertha Stoskus. He also spent sometime in Florida... Dolores Yuknis was chairlady of the Maria High School Alumnae Christmas Party... Betty Tucker, also an alumnae of the Maria High School, chairmanned the Dinner-Dance on February 1st at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. Betty is also arranging for her coming marriage to Jim Bozec of Willow Springs, on May 3rd... Two members of Council 36 will be wed on April 20th — they are Adele Tamasauskas and Frank Petkunas, 1st vice president of our district... Barbara Lazutka traveled East to be with her fiance, Edmund Vaitkunas (C-26, Worcester, Mass.) and his family... Dolores Wainauskas spent 10 days in Canada — happy skiing, Dee!... Your "Vytiis" correspondent wishes her successor a very pleasant and enjoyable year!

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Los Angeles, Calif. 133 — Loretta Papsys

Our combined installation of new officers and Christmas party took place at the Biltmore Hotel, Dec. 21st... Recently, THE TIDINGS carried an article on **Christmas in Lithuania**, written by Rita Medziukas, a senior at Immaculate Heart College. Rita is an active K. of L'er, also secretary of the Lithuanian American Council (L. A. branch) and member of other Lithuanian organizations in the community... Several of our members were elected officers of the newly-organized Lithuanian - American Republic Assembly of Los Angeles County: Leonard Valiukas, president; Lorraine Samolis, secretary; and Anthony Skirius, treasurer. Also members who joined the group were Mrs. B. Skirius, Juozas Andrius, Mr. and Mrs. J. Truskauskas, Mr. and Mr. V. Kazlauskas, Dr. and Mrs. G. Valancius, Julius Jodele and Ig. Bandziulis.

NEW YORK NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Amsterdam, N. Y. 100 Smile & Sparkle

Nauja Valdyba: Father Robert K. Baltch, spiritual adviser; Donald Nikstenas, president; Matthew Kazlauskas, vice president; Sadie Karbus, treasurer; Pauline Urban, secretary; Connie Zygel, financial secretary; Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, sgt.-at-arms; Gene Gobis, chairlady of Lithuanian Affairs; and Regina Gerutis, chairlady of Cultural Committee.

The Christmas banquet (Attorney A. C. Stokna, toastmaster) was attended by — Father Baltch, Assessor and Mrs. Michael Kerbelis, Joseph Schell; Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Kazlauskas, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, Mrs. A. C. Stokna, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Karbus, Mr. and Mrs. A. Beleckas, Sophie Olbis, Connie Zygel, Helen Dombroski, Bernice Blusis, Frances Greco, Regina Gerutis, Eleanore Stakauskas, Marion Jakaitis, Helen Vinosky, Eleanore Baranauskas, Gene Gobis, Donald Nikstenas. Since Matthew Orante was out of town, Gene Gobis was delegated by him to present Father Baltch with a gift from the entire council.

At our recent meeting, we had a guest speaker, Rev. John Ruokis from Little Falls, New York, who gave a most interesting talk on his experiences in Lithuania before World War II. Following the meeting, coffee and cake were served by Eleanore Stakauskas.

Our annual Communion-Breakfast (March 9th), commemorating St. Casimir's Day, was chairmanned by Eleanore Stakauskas and assisted by Regina Gerutis.

DID YOU KNOW that — Vincas Kudirka is the author of the Lithuanian anthem and that it is 100 years since his birth? Rūta is the national flower of Lithuania? It is 350 years since the Apparition of Our Lady in Šiluva?

News Bits: Joe Staknis of the U. S. Army is now stationed somewhere in New Jersey... Regina Gerutis' father was former Lithuania's Ambassador to Latvia and Estonia... Down with the Flu are Connie Zygel, our financial secretary and Pauline Urban, secretary. Wish them both a speedy recovery.

Philadelphia, Pa. 3 Theresa Macey

Our council (J. Janulaitis, president) is working hard making arrangements for the 45th K. of L. National Convention. The convention dates are: August 21-24, 1958. Convention Committee consists of Helen Shields, chairman; Albert Dameika, co-chairman; Theresa Macey and Dorothy Barauskas, secretaries; and Albert Anona, treasurer.

Paterson, N. J. 61 Dorothy Dutkus

Our council again increased its membership by 17 members, through the efforts of John Spranaitis, honorary member, Dorothy Dutkus, past district secretary, and others.

C-61 will be host to the New York-New Jersey District Communion - Breakfast to be held in our community... Also a card party is being planned to help enhance our treasury.

Newark, N. J. 29 The Wanderer

1958 New Officers Installed: Joseph Sakevich, president; Charles Strolis, vice president; Helen Balchiunas, recording sec'y.; Charles Sipaila, financial sec'y.; Peter Podgalsky, treasurer; and Charles Douches, sgt.-at-arms. Best wishes to our new officers and sincere thanks to our outgoing members of the executive board.

Our council thanks all members and guests in the district who supported our Pilgrim Masquerade which was ably chairmanned by Charles Strolis, and assisted by Jack Remeika, Vito Jadelis, Albi Ponelis and Charles Sipaila.

Our next dance to be held May 17th, will be chairmanned by Vito Jadelis.

Communion and Breakfast: On Sunday, March 23rd 1st and 2nd Ritual degrees were bestowed upon qualified members. More news in the next issue.

Bayonne, N. J. — 67 Michael Grigalunas

Our Engaged Couples: Michael Grigalunas to Helen Wainer; Beatrice Krizenauskas to John Bauer; and Margaret Peters to Nick Kaminsky. Congratulations!

Rev. Dr. John A. Starkus, pastor, commemorated his 40th anniversary in the Priesthood; also Rev. Peter

F. Zemeikis, assistant, celebrated his 26th birthday, recently. Believe he is the youngest Lithuanian priest in the States.

We thank Marty Rusgi and Misses Connie and Gloria Mack for their splendid job of selling Christmas Cards, and in helping us enhance our treasury.

Elizabeth, N. J. — 52 Annie Mitchell

Lithuania's Independence Day exercises, held February 23rd, at the Lithuanian Liberty Hall, were attended by a good many of our members. Among prominent speakers was Congresswoman Florence Dwyer. She brought out in her speech — that our own devotion to the cause of freedom has been demonstrated by our consistent support of the American Committee for Aid to Lithuania. She also stated that no less than 19 United States Senators and 62 Members of the House had so far gone to the floors of Congress to speak of their support of Lithuanian independence and freedom and to tell what this cause means to them.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Michigan 102 Lee Galinskas

Our council still maintains a Friday-night Bowling League (Stanley Zvirblis, president; Mary Ann Guerriero, secretary and also president of C-102; and Lee Galinskas, treasurer) which meets at the Hall's Recreation Club. The standings are as follows:

Peoples Federal Savings	43	29
24th Street Bar #2	42½	29½
Joy Inn	42	30
Detroit Lithuanian Club	42	30
Charles & Son	40½	31½
Barney's Clothes	40½	31½
Joe's Shell Service	35	37
24th Street Bar #1	29	43
Alytaus Bar	28	44
Master Tool & Die	27½	44½

Apie Mus: Florence Bilah, former Mid-Central District Secretary, was married on October 5th... Lee Galinskas was elected president of "The Detroit Lithuanian Club"... A terrific New Year's Eve party was held at the home of Robert Boris... Tom Plunkett was elected National

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First Vice Commander of the Catholic War Veterans of the U. S. Our members are becoming more and more interested in the Bowling Tournament to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, this year. Maybe with a few good teams, we'll come home with the trophy!

Dayton, Ohio — 96 Chas.

1958 Officers Installed: Rev. Walter Katarskis, spiritual adviser; Stanley Vaitkus, president; Robert Petrokas, 1st vice president; Charles Vangas, 2nd vice president; Fran Petkus, recording secretary; Frank Gudelis, treasurer; Chas. Petkus, VYTIS correspondent.

At our last meeting, we were happy to have with us Jake Goldick, Joe Rimkus and wife, Frank Ambrose, Jr. and Joe Sinkwitz. The social was nicely prepared by Pat Zelinskas and Eloise Berczelly... The committee in charge of our pre-Lenten dance consisted of Charles Vangas, Stanley Vaitkus, Charles Petkus, Ada Sinkwitz and Robert Petrokas... Many of our Ladies attended the Retreat held at the Dominican Retreat House... Also a tour of the new Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, Cincinnati, (Mike Petkus, in charge) was made in March... Mary Lucas was chairlady of the Bake Sale held March 30th... We plan to have a "Stag Fish Fry" sometime in the future, under the supervision of Jake Goldick, Bob Petrokas, Mike Petkus, Joe Sinkwitz and Joe Rimkus.

Sports: Again, we plan to take in a Notre Dame football game. So far, Duke is being considered as the most interesting game... BOWLING STANDING — Zanavykai 27-21; Dzukai 24-24; Kauniečiai 24-24; Kapsai 22-26; and Žemaičiai 21-27.

Many members observed the 40th anniversary of Lithuania's Independence, Feb. 16th, by attending special Masses, and exercises... Father Walter Katarskis was in charge of the program commemorating the 500th anniversary of St. Casimir's birth. Other youth organizations of the parish, helped us celebrate the occasion fittingly... Mr. and Mrs. Frank Petrauskas of Syracuse, N. Y., (formerly of Dayton), became proud parents of a second child... Congratulations to Aldona Laux, who recently announced her engagement.

K. OF L. CALENDAR

- April 6** — Chicago, Ill. (112)
EASTER SUNDAY DANCE,
K. of L. Youth Center, 8 p.m.
- April 11** — Kearny, N. J. (90)
DANCE, Lithuanian C. C. Center,
6 Davis Ave., Kearny.
- April 12** — Worcester, Mass. (116)
SPRING DANCE, the Bungalow,
Davis Way, Shrewsbury, Mass.
- April 13** — Philadelphia, Pa. (3)
3rd Annual Minstrel Show.
- April 26** — Gary, Indiana (82)
ANNUAL RAFFLE & DANCE,
St. Casimir's Church Hall.
- April 26-27** — NEW ENGLAND
DISTRICT K. OF L. CONVEN-
TION. Host: Council 135, Ansonia,
Connecticut.
- May 3-4** — Midwestern Bowling
Tournament and Mid-Central
District Convention.
Headquarters: Carter Hotel,
Cleveland, Ohio. Host, Council 25.
- May 10** — Brockton, Mass. (1)
SPRING DANCE, Walk-Over
Club, Perkins Ave., Brockton.
- May 11** — Kearny, N. J. (90)
Annual Mother's Day Communion
Breakfast, Our Lady of Sorrows
Church Hall.
- May 17** — Newark, N. J. (29)
DANCE, St. George's Hall, 180-82
New York Ave.
- May 24** — Providence, R. I. (103)
DANCE, American Lithuanian
Citizens Club, 475 Smith St.
- July 13** — Newark, N. J. (29)
PICNIC, Millers Grove, Colfax
Ave., Kenilworth, N. J. (Sponsor-
ed jointly with St. Cecilia's Choir
of Holy Trinity Church.)
- August 21-24** — 45th K. of L. Na-
tional Convention. Host: Council
3, Philadelphia, Penna.

WHY CAN'T YOU WRITE?

Many people with the "germ" of writing in them simply can't get started. They suffer from inertia. Or they set up imaginary barriers to taking the first step.

Many are convinced the field is confined to persons gifted with a genius for writing.

Few realize that the great bulk of commercial writing is done by so-called "unknowns." Not only do these thousands of men and women produce most of the fiction published, but countless articles on business, social matters, home-making, hobbies, travel, local clubs and church activities, etc., as well.

For instance — newspaper work demonstrates that the way to learn to write is by writing! Newspaper copy desk editors waste no time on theories or ancient classics. The STORY is the thing.

Don't be afraid to volunteer or be elected VYTIS correspondent in your council or in your district. It will start and keep you writing in your home on your own time. By writing each month, you will gradually own your DISTINCTIVE style. By writing regularly, it becomes easy, absorbing. Profitable, too, as you gain the "professional" touch that gets your material accepted by the editors. Above all, you can see constant progress month by month, as your faults are corrected and your writing ability grows.

WHOM SHALL I MARRY?

There is a story of a young man who consulted his parish priest about the girl he wanted to marry.

"She has no dowry, Father," he said. The priest wrote a zero on a piece of paper.

"She plays the piano." The priest wrote another zero before the first one.

"She is exceedingly pretty." The priest wrote a third zero.

"She sketches." The priest added a fourth zero.

"She has an academic degree." The priest wrote a fifth zero.

"She has good relatives." The priest wrote a sixth zero.

"She is a very good Catholic." Then the priest placed the figure one before the six zeros and said: "She's worth a million, marry her."

SIGN UP
A NEW
MEMBER